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Aridor under fire from Likud critics

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The first signs of open rebellion within the coalition against the policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor were seen during the weekend as Herut and Liberal figures started to take sides for and against him.

Aridor's policies were sharply criticized by the head of the Likud faction in the Knesset Finance Committee, MK Yigael Cohen-Orgad, who said yesterday that the Treasury was not dealing properly with the balance of payments problem, and that it was encouraging a high rate of inflation.

The rebellion against Aridor broke out on Thursday. But some days before, in the Knesset, coalition members were saying privately that the Consumer Price Index for June, due to be published on Friday, would be of major importance in determining the political future of the minister.

Liberal sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that if June's inflation rate is above 6 per cent, Aridor "had better start preparing his own obituary."

Such a situation will rule out the continuation of Aridor's policies

and will therefore entail his resignation, the sources said.

But other Liberal members were apparently siding with the minister. MK Yitzhak Seyger yesterday declared that the minister is taking the correct measures.

Commenting on the latest developments, Treasury sources said that talk about the importance of June's index is "a complete nonsense."

"There is nothing that can be learned from the index of one month, and one has to take into account the entire inflation trend," the sources said.

Cohen-Orgad yesterday attacked the government's economic policy in an Israeli Radio interview, saying he could no longer support it.

He charged that current policies have increased inflation and the balance of payments deficit.

The MK caused a furor at Thursday's meeting of the Herut central committee when he delivered a speech attacking Aridor's policies. The minister's supporters reacted so strongly that the meeting had to be adjourned.

Yesterday, Cohen-Orgad said it is

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A Border Policeman armed with rifle and tear gas gun makes an arrest near the Al-Aksa mosque on Friday. (Harari)

Tishrin: 'Palestine is Southern Syria' Syria openly backs anti-Arafat rebels

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Relations between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the regime of Hafez Assad in Damascus appeared to take a serious turn for the worse yesterday, when the official Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* branded Arafat a traitor and for the first time came out openly in support of the PLO rebels challenging his leadership.

"Palestinian organizations and fighters who demanded organizational and political reforms have failed in correcting the deviationist course of the traitor (Arafat) who resorted to arms against them," *Tishrin* said in yesterday's editorial. "But now Syria will support all the just and national demands of the reformers."

The *Tishrin* editorial, which generally closely reflects official government thinking in Damascus, would appear to indicate that Syria is now openly on the side of the dissident officers in Arafat's mainstream Fatah organization.

Despite its undisputed sympathy with the rebels, Damascus has until now stressed that it is not taking sides in the dispute, and has denied Arafat's charges that it had materially aided the rebels in seizing control of several key PLO positions in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

Asserting that "Palestine is the southern part of Syria," the editorial went on to challenge Arafat's right to "independent decision...as far as the Palestinian cause and the Arab-Israeli conflict is concerned."

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British chicken survives 2 weeks in deep freeze

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, England (Reuters). — A deep-frozen chicken called Esmeralda has been found alive after two weeks in cold storage.

Workers at a meat processing plant accidentally packed her into a sack with dead chickens and put it in the freezer.

When the sack was finally opened, the still-breathing

Esmeralda was rushed to chicken-fancier Irene McCulloch, who keeps 18 of the birds at her home in this western England village.

"She was in a terrible state but I massaged her little legs and she gradually recovered," she said. Esmeralda probably survived because she was in the middle of the sack of chickens and their feathers kept her just warm enough to stay alive," McCulloch remarked.

Hebron murder, retaliation probed Curfew widened as settlers demand action

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

The security forces were continuing last night to search for the killers of Hebron settler Aharon Gross. Tensions continued to run high in the curfew-bound West Bank city, where investigators were also trying to establish why the 19-year-old yeshiva student, stabbed outside the market on Thursday, was left unattended for a considerable time, and how soldiers and police on duty were not able to prevent widespread retaliatory arson by Jewish settlers on Thursday night. Ninety per cent of the market stalls and several stores were destroyed, according to a senior police officer.

The curfew was lifted yesterday for several hours to allow Hebron residents to buy supplies for the Id al-Fitr feast, which begins today. But the area of the curfew was also expanded following reports that

left-wing Israeli groups would try to enter the town to protest the dismissal of Hebron's Arab mayor Mustafa Naishe following the murder. The Dahaihe refugee camp near Bethlehem was also placed under curfew from 4 a.m. yesterday morning to prevent anticipated unrest.

Yesterday afternoon, about two dozen members of the Israeli Committee of Solidarity with Birzeit reached Hebron and met with the ousted mayor Mustafa Naishe, expressing their objection to his dismissal. Another 100 demonstrators, in a bus and a number of cars, were stopped at a roadblock near Efrat, and held a protest on the spot. Later, the group distributed leaflets at Beit Jala and demonstrated at Prime Minister Menachem Begin's residence in Jerusalem.

Aluf (Res.) Mattityahu Peled last night alleged that soldiers who stopped him at a roadblock outside Hebron told him that the Jewish set-

tlers had threatened extreme violence "if Peace Now or similar groups try to demonstrate in Hebron during the seven-day mourning period." Senior military sources and the settlers categorically denied this, while Peled alleged that the settlers are using the army to inhibit the activities of their political opponents.

Resentment and anger among settlers in the West Bank were still at a pitch last night, accompanied by a keen sense of an opportunity to expand the Jewish presence in Hebron.

A meeting of settlement leaders in Gush Etzion on Friday, attended by among others MK Hanan Porat, decided to emphasize that the settlers see the army as solely responsible for their safety in the territories.

Some of the settlers are due to meet with cabinet ministers this morning before the weekly cabinet session, and are threatening that un-

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Begin trip to U.S. on, usefulness questioned

Jerusalem Post Staff

Political sources in Jerusalem last night said that Prime Minister Menachem Begin will visit Washington at the end of the month, as planned. It has been learned, however, that there "are some second thoughts in Jerusalem as to the usefulness of the visit and the subjects to be discussed in the meeting between Begin and President Ronald Reagan."

The political sources were responding to reports circulated at the end of last week that Begin's visit to Washington might be postponed.

Begin, it is said, does not want any differences to surface between him and Reagan on a redeployment of IDF forces in Lebanon.

It has been learned that as of yesterday no arrangements had been made to fix the agenda of the visit, but political sources said Begin would probably meet twice with Reagan.

Reports that the visit might be postponed because of Begin's health were also denied.

At today's cabinet meeting the ministers will hear a report of last week's talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Another undecided question connected with the visit is the participation of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens. The Americans are

reportedly interested in having them present. But Begin has not been enthusiastic about the possibility of there being a government forum in Washington that could reach decisions on the spot.

According to other sources, if the talks include questions about details of an Israeli redeployment in Lebanon — dates, lines, the new deployment of the Lebanese army and of the Multinational Force — Shamir and Arens have to be present since Begin is not knowledgeable on these technical points.

End-of-month start for direct Spanish flights

Jerusalem Post Staff

Regular commercial flights between Israel and Spain will start at the end of July, sources at Iberia Airlines told the Associated Press yesterday.

There will be four flights a week, two by Iberia and two by El Al.

In Tel Aviv, an El Al spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that El Al flights will not start until mid-August.

Iberia officials said they expected some 70,000 Israelis would visit Spain every year as a result of the agreement.

Spain and Israel have no diplomatic relations.

Kohl: Andropov wants to end the arms race

HAMBURG. — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov seems "interested in an end to the arms race...and a good preliminary summit" with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, according to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, just back from talks in Moscow.

Kohl's impressions were quoted yesterday in *Die Welt* as his Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher prepared to leave for Washington today to relay new Soviet proposals on extending deadlocked Geneva arms-control negotiations between

the superpowers. Kohl said his four-day visit to Moscow convinced him that "it's late, but not too late" for an arms agreement. "I'm not too optimistic," Kohl said. "But Andropov explained that he also thinks an agreement is possible this year."

Kohl did not say whether any date for the proposed Reagan-Andropov summit was discussed, nor did he say when Andropov would come to West Germany — an invitation he accepted before Kohl

returned on Thursday. During his talks, Kohl reaffirmed West Germany's commitment to NATO plans to begin deploying 572 new medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe this year if there is no progress at the Geneva talks. The bulk of the U.S.-built rockets — 204 — would be stationed in West Germany, with the remainder going to Belgium, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands.

Genscher, who accompanied Kohl in the Soviet Union, will inform Reagan and Secretary of State

George Shultz of proposals to extend the present round of Geneva talks, which started on May 17, and to begin the next round one week earlier on September 8.

Each round of the negotiations normally lasts two months, though they are technically open-ended. The round starting in September is crucial because it will be the last chance to reach an accord before the Western alliance goes ahead with plans to deploy the Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles. (AP, Reuters)

Columnists: 'U.S. repeatedly deceived by Israel'

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novack charged in their column on Friday that "secret portions" of a U.S. government study on aid to Israel pose a warning that the U.S. "confronts a rising spiral in financing Israel that may be impossible to stop."

They declared that the study "tells a mournful tale" of the U.S. "being repeatedly deceived by Israel. Pleas for a one-time only concession become a pattern for the

future, at high cost to American taxpayers."

The study by the Government Accounting Office was submitted to Shultz and other officials on March 2, and since then "a sanitized version has been released to the public." The "secret portions" forecast a crisis building as Israel finds itself unable to repay its foreign debt of more than \$20 billion, in installments just beginning to peak. The U.S. holds 45 per cent of the debt, and Israel by 1993

"would need \$995m. in extra aid each year just to service its debt to American taxpayers," the columnists asserted.

The GAO study "secret portions" predict that Israel will either seek still higher U.S. cash gifts to finance its debt or press Congress to require offsetting the loans by mandatory U.S. purchases of Israeli goods.

The columnists wrote that "the likelihood" Israeli strategy would be

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NEWSBEAT/What did the Sinai evacuees get?

System of compensation was complex, generally generous

IF A FAMILY settles in Sinai at the government's instigation and then, a good number of years later, has to leave on the government's say-so, they should suffer no deterioration in their living standards. That is the principle behind the Sinai Evacuees Compensation Law of 1982.

It is a costly principle, but a fair one. There is no reason why pioneers who agreed to rebuild their lives on those distant sand dunes should be worse off at the end of the day than placid residents of Tel Aviv or Haifa who never budged. But how to reproduce the identical conditions?

For the farmers it is not so difficult. Agriculture in Israel is stereotyped, the structure of a moshav is the same everywhere. But for urban dwellers, especially those who ran a business of their own (the sector we are dealing with in these articles), the problem is more complicated. They would have liked the government to build a replica of Yamit or Ophira in Caesarea or Netanya or Ashkelon.

That is not feasible. Yamit needed a petrol station; but Caesarea has plenty. A man made a living by manufacturing plastic hot-

houses for the Rafiah settlements; Netanya is awash with plastic hot-house suppliers.

The same goes for the celebrated diving club in Ophira. It exploited the clear waters and sensational fish life of the Red Sea. What hope of reproducing that venture on the polluted shores of Ashkelon?

The authorities realized that the population would not move en bloc. Says Matti Shmulevich, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office (which handles the evacuation of the towns): "If not Yamit, they want freedom to settle where they please."

Shmuel Albeck, head of the unit in the PMO that deals with compensation, adds another reason: "The Likud believe in liberalism and private enterprise. Instead of planting a family in a new location, with all the cost to the government of creating an infrastructure, they say, why not just give these good people the money?"

THE LAW does that — and generously. Its provisions are worth examining in detail. Persons who were living in urban locations in Sinai at the time of Camp David are

In this second in a series of five articles, Jerusalem Post correspondents DAVID KRIVINE and YOSEF GOELL discuss how the residents of the city of Yamit were compensated.

Northern Sinai was evacuated in April, 1982, under the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

What happened to the Israelis thus uprooted?

entitled to compensation under three headings: housing, business and resettlement grant.

Housing. The amount ranges (at the index-figure prevailing in April of this year) from 153m. for a three-room flat to 155.5m. for a five-room cottage. Compensation is paid for improvements made by the resident in the home he is leaving, according to valuation. Or he can, without submitting any proof that the job was done, settle for a lump sum equal at today's prices to 1560,000. Also paid are moving costs, including VAT on the new apartment, installation of water, gas and electricity, stamps on the contract

and lawyers' fees. The claimant must submit receipts — or he can settle for a lump sum equal to 15 per cent of the flat's value.

Business. Compensation is calculated in one of three ways, at the owner's choice. The first is asset value, based on how much the property (shop, factory, laundry or whatever) would be worth on an average site in Eilat or a good site in Arad. Any expenditure by the owner on adapting the premises he is now abandoning to his business needs, is also refunded, as is the cost of transporting his movables to Israel, or alternatively, of closing down the business.

On top of all this he gets a grant equal to his income from the business during any one year he chooses (the figure to be up-dated according to the current index).

The second option for the owner of a business is to base his compensation on income earned. This is preferable for persons with an undertaking that has little asset value, e.g., an engineering consultancy run in a man's own flat. The grant amounts to double the income he got from his business during any one

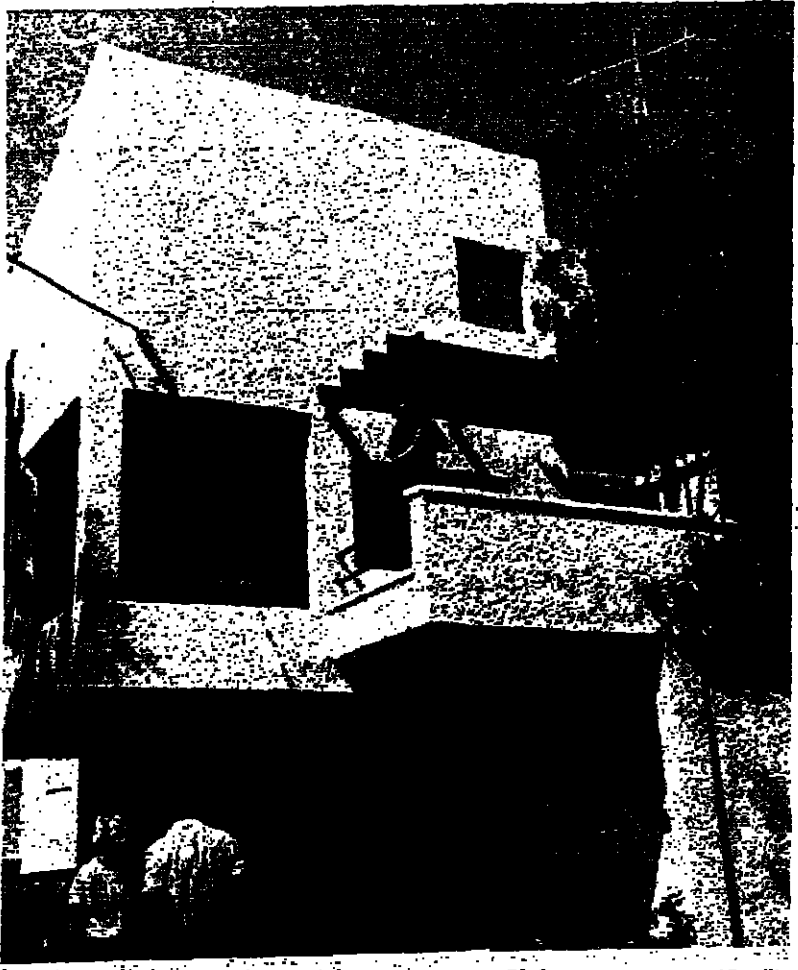
year — and again he can choose which year.

Under either of the above options, the claimant is entitled to an additional form of compensation for what is called *monitin*, a word that can best be translated in this context as "achievement." If he managed to earn more than the national average profit made by others in his line of business, he gets a grant equal to that "excess profit" (the English term is used in the law).

Only a handful of applicants received this particular benefit. Others did not do well financially. After all, Yamit was a new town, and they were building for the future. Meanwhile their earnings fell short of expenses and their business showed a loss. In that case they can claim, in addition to the asset value of their property, a refund of their loss.

That is not all. A person who ran a business continuously from before March 31, 1978 (that is, six months before Camp David) till after September 30, 1981, and who kept books or reported regularly to the tax authorities, is entitled to a kind of veteran's grant equal to a year's

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A Yamit evacuee's new home near Zichron Ya'acov. (Goell)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MIN.	MAX.	C F
AMSTERDAM	16	21	61 69
BRUSSELS	16	21	61 69
CHICAGO	16	21	61 69
COPENHAGEN	16	21	61 69
FRANKFURT	16	21	61 69
GENEVA	16	21	61 69
Helsinki	16	21	61 69
JOHANNESBURG	16	21	61 69
LONDON	16	21	61 69
MONTREAL	16	21	61 69
NEW YORK	16	21	61 69
OSLO	16	21	61 69
PARIS	16	21	61 69
PRAGUE	16	21	61 69
RIO DE JANEIRO	16	21	61 69
SAD PAVLO	16	21	61 69
STOCKHOLM	16	21	61 69
TOKYO	16	21	61 69
TORONTO	16	21	61 69
VIENNA	16	21	61 69
ZURICH	16	21	61 69

THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	34	15-29	28
Golan	42	15-29	29
Nahariya	53	15-29	28
Safed	53	15-29	28
Haifa Port	65	24-29	28
Fibers	30	21-37	36
Nazareth	50	13-30	28
Afula	51	13-30	28
Shimon	54	20-33	29
Tel Aviv	69	21-29	28
B-G Airport	61	20-30	30
Jericho	27	21-39	37
Gaza	29	21-38	38
Bersheba	38	21-34	33
Beit	15	25-41	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Hebrew University vice-president Simcha Dinitz on Friday met a delegation of the Canadian Labour Congress on the Mount Scopus campus. He also met with a delegation from Texas, headed by the Hon. Bill Hobby, lieutenant governor, and Mrs. Hobby.

ARRIVALS

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, hon. president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Leon Maierdorf, Mt. Scopus donor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Leon Maierdorf, a well-known Jewish philanthropist, died Friday night in Brussels, after a short illness, at the age of 75.
Maierdorf, a leading figure in the Belgian diamond industry, was also a prominent Jewish community leader. He was for many years president of the United Israel Appeal and of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University.
The faculty club of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus and student dormitories bear his name and that of his wife.
Maierdorf is survived by his wife Yvonne.



Diplomats from Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Bolivia have been invited to tonight's IPO concert marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of the South American liberator, Simon Bolivar.

Ben-Meir halts fundraising effort

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Dov Ben-Meir, the Alignment candidate for mayor of Tel Aviv, says he has ordered a halt to a fundraising effort at the Histadrut-owned Hamashbir Hamerazi wholesale chain that would have obliged workers to contribute a day's pay to his election campaign.
According to a letter sent to Hamashbir workers last week, contributions were to be automatic unless objections were submitted in writing. The names of those refusing to contribute could thus have been on file.
Ben-Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* last night the Labour Party is currently in the midst of a fundraising campaign among all members. He said he knew nothing of the Hamashbir letter until he heard about it from Israeli television reporters on Friday.
"That letter was something strange. I believe that is an inappropriate way to raise funds, and I have ordered the campaign stopped," he said. "All contributions must be on a purely voluntary basis."
OPEN. — The children's surgical ward at the Kupat Holim Clalit's Emek Hospital in Afula has been reopened after two years of extensive renovation.

HOME NEWS

U.S. concern growing over fate of Beirut gov't

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — In the face of Syria's refusal to leave Lebanon and the prospects of a unilateral Israeli troop redeployment, the U.S. has become increasingly concerned about the stability of Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's government.
White House and State Department officials said that President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz will make a major effort in the coming days to underline U.S. support for the Lebanese government, which has come under strong pressures from Syria to scrap its recent agreement with Israel.
Jemayel is scheduled to meet with Reagan at the White House on July 22, five days before Premier Menachem Begin is due to meet the president on July 27. At that time, U.S. officials said yesterday, the Lebanese president will receive a strong U.S. endorsement designed to deter what the Americans fear are Syrian attempts to overthrow his regime.
This U.S. fear was discussed at the White House on Friday when Shultz reported to Reagan on his unsuccessful visit to the Middle East.
U.S. officials said the Reagan-Shultz meeting included a full review of U.S. policy towards the Middle East, including a discussion of ways to maintain some semblance of progress in the

Lebanese negotiations, as well as in the broader peace effort as outlined by Reagan last September.
Following Israel's repeated statements that it plans to go through with the pullback of its troops, the U.S. and Lebanon now appear to have reluctantly accepted it. What will be critical, U.S. officials said, will be for Israel to package its redeployment announcement in such a way that will not reinforce the impression that Lebanon is being partitioned.
New Israeli lines — including the construction of electronic fences — could give the appearance of an Israeli intention to remain there permanently. U.S. and Lebanese officials have expressed concern that this so-called "north bank" scenario will further setback withdrawal efforts and undermine Jemayel's government.
An official Syrian source said yesterday Syria would enter into troop withdrawal talks with Lebanon only when the Lebanese government abrogates its withdrawal agreement with Israel.
"Syria has already made it clear any negotiations with Lebanon are not possible unless Lebanon cancels the agreement (with Israel)," the source who declined to be named said. "This position still stands and will remain so until Lebanon abrogates the agreement."
"Any interpretation of Syria's position different from this does not reflect Syria's policy," the source said.

Habib arrives in Israel on his way home

BEIRUT (AP). — U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib left Beirut yesterday after a 24-hour stay, Lebanon's state radio reported.
Habib arrived in Israel last night.

continue his talks with Lebanese leaders.
Habib conferred with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel and Foreign Minister Elie Salem, about Secretary of State George Shultz's efforts to remove foreign forces from Lebanon.

Israel may attack during U.S. games, Syria says

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria said yesterday U.S. military exercises scheduled to take place in the Middle East next month could be a cover for an Israeli attack.
In a commentary, state-run Damascus Radio said: "The announcement of the maneuvers... indicates that the Americans are

preparing the ground for some action under which Israel would be entrusted with committing aggression against Syria."
The Pentagon said on Tuesday that units of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force would hold their first summer maneuvers next month in Egypt, Sudan, Oman and Somalia.

Beirut marines mourn death of pet goat

BEIRUT (AP). — The execution of General Bill E. Goat upon his arrival at New York's Kennedy Airport has saddened the U.S. marines here who adopted him as a mascot and were trying to send him to a new home with a little girl in California.
"There are a lot of very upset marines here," Major John Shotwell of Brooklyn, N.Y., spokesman for the 1,200-man Marine contingent serving in the Multinational Peacekeeping Force here, said Friday.
"General Billy was a very good goat. He acted very much like a dog. He wagged his tail like a dog, he begged food from the marines, he liked to be petted. It's very sad news," Shotwell said.
The shaggy little black goat was put to death shortly after arriving in New York on Wednesday because government veterinarians feared he carried hoof-and-mouth disease. "It was an illegal entry," said Dr.

Robert Gale, supervisory veterinary medical officer at Kennedy airport.
But Dr. Mohamed Dimashkeh, the Beirut veterinarian who examined General Billy and gave him a clean bill of health before his departure, was aghast that U.S. Department of Agriculture officials killed the goat.
"He was free of hoof-and-mouth disease," the veterinarian declared at the Puppy's Garden pet store in West Beirut where he has a small clinic in addition to his private practice.
"He was very healthy, in very good condition," said Dimashkeh, who has been a veterinarian for 28 years and trained in Egypt, France, West Germany and England.

SYRIA BACKS REBELS

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It threatened to "chop off the fingers" of anyone who exercised "independent decision in a different course" to that understood by Damascus — that is, "a total (Israeli) withdrawal (from all Arab territory) and the rights of the Palestinians to an independent state on their soil."
Despite the unprecedented attack on Arafat in Tishrin, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam was reported yesterday to have assured the six-man PLO mediation team currently in Damascus that Syria remains eager to preserve the unity of Fatah and the PLO.
This was stressed by Khaled Fahoum, the pro-Syrian leader of the PLO delegation, after a meeting with Khaddam yesterday.
"Syria has never locked us out and will never do so," Fahoum asserted.
According to PLO sources in Damascus, the PLO mediation team told Khaddam that Arafat insisted on a normalization of his strained relations with Syria before he could discuss ways to end the mutiny in Fatah.
The team, which arrived in Damascus on Thursday after meeting Arafat in Tunis, told Khaddam that the PLO chief had rejected its three-point plan for resolving the Fatah split.
The team's ideas for ending the dispute have not been publicized but informed Palestinian sources say a key proposal is that the leader of the mutiny, Colonel Sa'ad Musa, (Abu Musa), should be appointed commander of PLO forces in Lebanon.
The team also proposed that a series of Fatah military appointments, which were made by Arafat and sparked the mutiny, should be cancelled and two dissidents reinstated on the ruling Fatah central committee.
Fahoum told reporters in Damascus yesterday that the next

step in his mission, which he described as "very complicated," would involve a visit to Moscow tomorrow in a bid "to put the Soviets in the real picture."
Moscow is believed to be in favour of the PLO preserving its unity under Arafat's continued leadership — a position reflected by the Soviets' chief protégé in the PLO, Nayef Hawatma of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.
Fahoum's mission could be intended to urge Moscow to bring pressure to bear on Damascus to settle its differences with Arafat as a prelude to restoring order in PLO ranks.



Iranian students in the Philippines burn an Israeli flag on Friday in front of Israel's Embassy in Manila. The occasion was "Jerusalem Day," marked on the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadhan. The students also vented their wrath on U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. (UPI telephoto)

IDF leaves two positions near Beirut

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Israel Defence Forces yesterday withdrew from two areas on the fringes of Beirut, turning them over to the control of the Lebanese army, Israel television reported.

The report quoted an Israeli source as saying that the troops moved out of the neighbourhoods of Monteverde and Ein Sa'ade as part of a normal shift in the IDF's deployment.
An army spokesman denied knowledge of any such move, and said that if the report was true, it was part of a routine change in deployment and "not part of a pull-back or any withdrawal."

HEBRON CURFEW

when the body was examined at his home that its real identity was established and the military government summoned.

Taisir Abu Snaia, Aziz's brother, is serving a life sentence for his part in the 1980 attack on Jewish settlers outside Beit Hadassah in Hebron, in which six people were killed.

Settlers claim that an army doctor said that Gross was still alive when he was brought to the military government, but this has not been confirmed by any military source. At the same time, some of the settlers are hard put to explain why none of Gross's friends who arrived on the scene of the attack attended to him but chose instead to chase after his escaping attackers.
A well-informed source in Kiryat Arba disclosed last night that Gross had received only minimal training in the use of his weapon — a 9mm. Uzi submachine gun. "If he had not been armed, he might also not have been attacked," said the settler.
Police detained two settlers who interfered with firefighters trying to put out the blaze which roared through the Hebron market on Thursday night, but released them after taking their particulars.
Fires, started in several places at the same time while a large crowd of settlers were gathering to attend Gross's funeral in Jerusalem on Thursday night.
Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilya, head of the Judea and Samaria civil administration, said on Friday that he had appointed veteran Israeli official Shmuel Zamir to run the city until a new council from among the local population can be appointed.
Ilya said that Zamir, who has served as a staff officer in charge absentee property for 16 years, has already obtained the cooperation of municipal officials in running the

city. He said that there are prominent personalities in Hebron who have expressed their willingness to serve on an appointed council, but added, "It is not the time to release their names."
Similar appointed councils are being considered to replace the Israeli officers and officials now running Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bira, where elected Arab mayors were dismissed last year.
Ilya said that Natshe and his councillors "contributed to the atmosphere of tension, hostility, and encouragement of extreme elements" by their actions. These included "a demonstrative boycott of the civil administration," "a boycott of the Jewish community in Hebron" and refusing to supply it with services, the publication of posters which incited against the IDF and Israel and the illegal introduction of "enemy funds" in the area.
The "enemy funds" is a reference to finance from the joint Jordanian-PLO committee in Amman.
In the Hebrew version of "background material" supplied to journalists at his press conference, Natshe is also accused of "petitioning the High Court of Justice and accusing the civil administration of shelling the illegal demolition and construction of buildings by the settlers in the heart of the Hebron market." This section referring to the petition to the High Court was omitted from an English translation circulated to foreign journalists.
Natshe last night denied that he had boycotted the civil administration or refrained from supplying services to the settlers. He said that officials from the civil administration had met him at his office, he had been to see the head of the local civil administration Sgan-Aluf Shmuel Segal and that he did supply water and electricity to the settlers. Arabs were not allowed to enter the buildings where the settlers lived to collect garbage for security reasons, he said, and he had refused to supply Beit Romano (where Gross was a student) with three-phase electricity, because it is reserved for industrial buildings.
Natshe and his colleagues were brought by car to the military government headquarters in Hebron towards midnight on Thursday and informed of their dismissal. No transport was provided for the journey home.

ARIDOR UNDER FIRE

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time to change these policies before we "miss the economic boat." The longer the government waits, the harder and more painful the change of course will be, he added.
The MK said the Treasury is subsidizing imports, including foreign travel, in order to create a false sense of prosperity.
He went on: "There are some citizens whose standard of living we must raise, but the middle and upper classes can certainly live with a lower level of government subsidy."
Cohen-Orgad attacked the expansion of credit. "Everyone knows that the easy availability of credit encourages people to live beyond their means," he said.
The MK said there is a tendency to underestimate the intelligence of the Israeli public. People know the situation is not good, and what they expect from the government is a realistic picture of what is happen-

ing, and realistic remedies.
"Everyone is afraid of the day when we will have to change course because of a shortage of foreign currency. We can prevent it if we make the change now, when we can still do it voluntarily," he said.
Responding on the same programme, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said the Finance Ministry will not make any drastic changes in economic policy. He added that it is possible that Cohen-Orgad's criticism is politically motivated.
Interviewed yesterday on Israel TV, Kaufman said that as head of the Likud faction in the Knesset Finance Committee Cohen-Orgad should support Aridor's demand that ministries cut their budgets.
"I have not seen that support from our representatives at the committee. Instead, they prefer to criticize the economic policy of the government," said Kaufman.

Hospital nurses plan strike, separate union

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hospital nurses will begin sanctions on Wednesday that could lead to a total strike if employers do not agree by then to negotiations on adjusting "distortions" in their salaries.

The hospital nurses are going ahead with their plans to form a separate branch of the Nurses' Union, despite a strongly worded message issued on Friday by the Histadrut asserting that its union is the sole body authorized to conduct salary negotiations on behalf of nurses.

The "rebel" hospital nurses, led by Bella Safir, last Wednesday sent cables to Histadrut trade union department chief Yisrael Kassar, to Nurses Union chairwoman Moriah Galili and to the employers (the Treasury, the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim Clalit). They requested permission to set up a separate branch within the union, or preferably, an entirely independent section within the Histadrut, to represent their interests.

The hospital nurses contended that under a collective wage agreement signed by Galili in May, the salaries of senior nurses dropped significantly. The senior nurses, mostly supervisors, head nurses and their assistants, claim that their pay was cut so that the money could be "redistributed" among other sectors of nurses.

The hospital nurses are also waiting for a reply from Kassar regarding their eight demands for salary improvements, including equalizing the salaries of all hospital nurses on the basis of working hours, incentives and supplements; car allowances to hospital nurses, starting from head nurses; and overtime pay for hours beyond the standard 36-hour week.

The Histadrut on Friday called on the nurses to refrain from taking any "organizational steps" not approved by the Nurses Union and the executive.

"Some of the problems with the May salaries were caused by computer errors and some by the fact that the 16 per cent advances paid on previous salaries were stopped in May," she said.

In another area of labour unrest in the health-care field, the Health Ministry's service and administration workers will wait until tomorrow before deciding whether to strike on Tuesday.

The decision depends on the outcome of a meeting to be held this morning in Jerusalem of the Pdaa Committee, which has recommended the equalization of the salaries and working conditions of Health Ministry employees with those of their counterparts employed by Kupat Holim Clalit.

The committee, set up by the government in 1971, has not met on a regular basis for more than a year, and all of its recommendations have been blocked by the Treasury.

Tall hotel leads to ban on night flights in Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Civil Aviation Administration has banned takeoffs and landings by large jets at the Eilat airport at night, the Transport Ministry announced on Friday, because the allegedly illegal upper storeys of a new hotel in the vicinity pose a danger to such flights.

The administration plans to file a complaint with police following the failure to submit the hotel's plans for its approval, as is required for buildings in the area.

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UN report on conditions in areas is mixed

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Experts assigned to assess "deterioration" in Palestinians' living conditions in Israeli-occupied Arab territories reported Thursday that the economy there had improved, incomes were up and health care was adequate.

But the 57-page report, compiled by experts who were not allowed by Israel to visit the territories, also said the Palestine Arabs on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip were burdened by the level of taxation, their agriculture was hindered by Israeli land seizures and their industry suffered from lack of capital.

The report, issued for consideration in the UN General Assembly next fall, was the work of Dudley Madawela, a former UN official from Sri Lanka, Harald Kristiansen of the Norwegian Building Institute in Oslo, and Edward Balassanian, New York architect and city planner.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez De Cuellar had the study prepared in response to an Arab-inspired Assembly resolution in December that expressed alarm at "deterioration in the living conditions" of Palestinians under Israeli occupation and asked for a report on social and economic conditions.

Israel would not let the authors into the occupied territories, so they went to Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, and along the way they talked to officials of those governments, the UN, and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and with Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories.

Their report said, "The economy of the occupied territories, as measured by the real rate of gross domestic and gross national products, has improved. However, it continues to be handicapped by lack of long-term planning and programming designed to generate development for the benefit of the indigenous population."

It said, "The trend so far has been towards further integration of the economy with that of Israel, thus exposing it to the high rate of inflation characteristic of the Israeli economy."

Disposable private income and gross national product per capita "have increased in real terms, although the distribution of the income is not known," the report said.

Because investment opportunities are restricted, it said, "disposable income is channeled into the consumption and purchase of durable goods."

It remarked that employment had been falling in the agricultural and industrial sectors but "rising in all other sectors, led by the construction industry."

"More workers from the territories are commuting to Israel for employment, where their conditions of employment have not shown any appreciable improvement from past years," it went on.

"That almost two-thirds of the actively engaged labour force is in one way or another working in and for the Israeli economy is a deterrent to initiating employment opportunities within the territories that would serve indigenous economic interests."

Industry in the occupied lands, the report said, is dominated by small enterprises, many of them executing orders for the Israeli textile, clothing, leather, wood and metal products businesses.

Social and cultural conditions of the Palestinians there "have continued to deteriorate," it went on. "The traditional family pattern is breaking down owing to pressures caused by incomes which are inadequate to meet escalating cost-of-living due to high inflation."

The Arabs' daily life, the report said, is "disrupted by frequent

curfews, the ever-present possibility of confrontation with Israeli settlers in the occupied territories and restrictions in movement, association and expression."

They are deprived of many books, and periodicals in Arabic, it added, and Israeli settlers sometimes "have interfered with their freedom of worship in such places as the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron and the Aksa mosque in Jerusalem."

In education, although facilities at the school level have been keeping pace with increased enrollment, the report continued, some books have been banned, professors deported, demonstrating students arrested and universities closed.

The report said the availability of hospital beds in the occupied zones had not kept pace with the growth of the population or the number of people seeking hospital care.

"The efficiency of the health care system continues to be hampered by limitations in equipment, qualified staff and distribution of drugs," it said.

"Some of these shortcomings have been remedied to some extent through inputs from international organizations and local volunteer associations as well as the Red Crescent society."



Members of the Gadna cadets get weapons instruction at a course being held at Ness Harim in the Jerusalem corridor. Similar courses are also being held at four other Gadna camps around the country. (IDF Spokesman)

War wasn't worth the price, Argov declares

Jerusalem Post Staff

The man whose shooting in London 13 months ago sparked Operation Peace for the Galilee has spoken out publicly for the first time since that event — in condemnation of the war.

Shlomo Argov, former ambassador in London, is still recovering from head wounds suffered in the shooting. But little by little, he has become more aware of the events which followed, and several weeks ago, dictated his opinions to a friend. These were published in Friday's *Ha'aretz* by columnist Yoel Marcus.

"If those who planned this war

had foreseen the dimensions of their adventure," Argov said, without naming names, "they probably would have saved the lives of hundreds of our best young men."

Pained by the thought of the war's victims and dismayed by those who describe it as "worthwhile," Argov said that talk of "a worthwhile war" is for charlatans. Only someone who has faced battle and returned from it knows that it is impossible to speak of a worthwhile war. For us, no war is worthwhile.

"We are a nation that lives by the sword," he wrote, "and we need not be ashamed of it." But "war should not be taken lightly."

Sometimes history forces drastic steps on us, creating a situation of no choice. Such was the Six Day War. But the architects of this war set out with no illusions. They knew its price, political as well, and were willing to pay it."

According to Argov, the war was a scheme of "generals who tried their hand at war and came up short, prophets at the gates who offered good or evil counsel — but they have not brought salvation."

"It is the right of our soldiers to know that they will never go to war unless it is a matter of necessity for the sake of life itself," he concluded.

Vandalism at Ministry said zealots' work

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police believe that religious extremists are responsible for vandalism at the weekend in the Education Ministry in Jerusalem. No arrests have been made.

Tar was painted on windows, other windows were broken and garbage was scattered in the courtyard of the Ministry sometime between Thursday night and Friday morning. Police believe that ultra-orthodox zealots were responsible and that they were protesting against the Education Ministry's licensing of the City of David archaeological dig, which they believe is desecrating an ancient cemetery.

Meanwhile, plans are underway

for a mass demonstration on Monday, at which zealots are hoping the police will be forced to make "1,000 arrests," according to placards sprouting in Jerusalem.

But senior police sources in Jerusalem say they have "no intention of doing what the zealots want us to do."

According to these sources, "it would be no problem to arrest even 10,000 people — the question is whether we feel it would be serving the public interest."

Meanwhile, there have been daily attempts by small groups of extremists to penetrate the police lines protecting the dig. So far, no arrests have been made and no disruption of the dig has been reported.

Begin greets Moslems on Id el-Fitr feast

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night issued an official message of greeting to the country's Moslems on the occasion of Id el-Fitr, the four-day feast which begins today.

"If only we were able to celebrate our holidays in an era of peace and tranquility in the country and the whole region," Begin said in his message, "as the holy month of Ramadan, with its dawn-to-dusk fasting, came to a close."

In Moslem communities throughout Israel and the territories, thousands of lambs have been purchased for slaughter at the traditional Id el-Fitr banquets.

Construction work throughout the country is expected to come to a virtual halt, and many public services will be affected as well, as Arab workers return to their villages for the duration of the holiday.

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PAINT. — Seven thousand kilometres of road markings are to be repainted in the next two months as part of a campaign launched this week.

TOMORROW — HAGA (Civil Defence) Exercise in the Haifa region

Tomorrow, Monday, July 11, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. there will be Haga exercises in the Haifa region. Haga, police, fire brigade and Magen David Adom personnel will take part. During the exercises, civil defence incidents and fires will be staged. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

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Haim Cohn (Auerbach)

Haim Cohn: Just wished Baranes good luck

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I never told Amos Baranes that I made a mistake by upholding his conviction; I only wished him luck in his efforts to prove his innocence," former Supreme Court justice Haim Cohn said on Kdi Yisrael's weekly newsweek yesterday. He said a letter he sent to Baranes was meant to offer him the hope and consolation that wrongs are inevitably righted and the truth will out.

"I began to have doubts when I read Yehudit Karp's report and Mr. Goldberg's book," Cohn said, referring to Deputy Attorney General Yehudit Karp's recommendation of a possible new trial for Baranes, and a book *The Truth*

about the Baranes case by former police officer Ezra Goldberg. "But doubts are very different from clear knowledge that a mistake was made. We convicted him, after all, on the basis of a confession written in his own hand."

Cohn added that "The burden of proof is now entirely on Baranes if he wants to prove that the confession was not voluntary. At the trial, the burden of proof was on the prosecution, but that burden has been discharged and if there is a retrial the burden will be on Baranes — and unless and until a court overturns the original verdict, that verdict stands."

Cohn said he went to see Baranes in prison a few weeks before Baranes' release, because he had reason to believe that Baranes

intended to reject the commutation of his sentence if President Chaim Herzog offered it. "I wanted to tell him his position was unreasonable. If he wants to fight to clear his name, he has a better chance outside the prison walls."

Cohn declined to say how he would advise Baranes to go about getting a retrial. "I do not want to express views on matters which may go before a court and become *sub judice*," he said. At the same time, he said that criticism of court decisions after they are handed down is definitely permissible in a country where citizens are free to state their views.

The important thing now, Cohn said, is that Baranes be rehabilitated after the trauma of prison.

SINAI COMPENSATION

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income, up to a maximum of IS500,000. That ceiling figure applied at the time of the law; now, with indexation, it is IS1,39m.

There is a third choice for the self-employed person, but it does not include reimbursement for *monitin* or the veteran's grant. This option is open to people who cannot prove how much their yearly income amounted to, because they did not keep books or had no file with the tax authorities.

Such individuals, mostly plumbers and the like, who charge a rate for a job, can opt for the equivalent of severance pay. The sum is 350 per cent (the proportion that prevails in the Sinai evacuation

scheme for salaried employees) of the average monthly wage in the Israeli economy. If the recipient is married and his wife is not a wage-earner, the bonus is doubled, to 700 per cent of the average monthly wage.

□ **Resettlement grant.** This is based on a points system gauged according to size of family, length of residence, etc. A man aged today over 46, with a wife and three children who lived in Yamit for over six years, would accumulate the maximum — 15 points, entitling him to a grant of IS2.1m.

In addition to these three types of

compensation, children over 18 settling in a development area are entitled to the loan facilities normally available for adults aged 21 and above; if they settle in a metropolitan area to those available for adults aged 27 and above.

HOW MUCH does this come to altogether? Well, assuming that the above family man owned a four-room flat and a business that yielded him an income of IS100,000 a month (the salary for a managerial post in private business in Tel Aviv today), his total compensation (in shekels) would be as follows:

Housing	3,700,000
Improvements to flat	60,000
Moving costs	555,000
Business	2,400,000
Moving costs allowance	1,200,000
Monitin	—
Compensation for losses	—
Veterans' allowance	1,390,000
Resettlement grant	2,100,000
Total	11,405,000

A special tax scale has been devised for these benefits, but it is far from crippling. Adapting the figures to the current index, the first IS6.5m. is tax-free, after which the levy climbs progressively to a maximum of 10 per cent — plus 10 per cent of forced loan — on sums above IS22.5m.

Thus, a person receiving IS26.5m. would pay 5 per cent of that in tax, plus 5 per cent in loan. The above-mentioned family man who rated IS11.4m. would be charged 2 per cent tax and 2 per cent loan.

We give the above figures in considerable detail because of angry allegations by the most vocal of the evacuees that they are being defrauded. The scale of compensation is generous to a fault, which means that persons fitting neatly into the designated categories have little to complain about.

The problem concerns those with claims that are not recognized or not accepted in full — a subject which will be treated in our next article.

In sorrow and pain, we announce the death of

RUTH FINKELKRAUT

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, at 4 p.m. at the Holon cemetery.

We will meet at the new gate.

Irit, Avi, Liat Even and the family.

Together with FRIEDA KISSMAN and the family, we deeply mourn the sudden passing of our friend

KARL KISSMAN

and convey our most sincere condolences in this time of grief.

Gys M.C. Gremer Eindhoven
Klaas Mulder
Maryse v.d. Woude
and all her friends at
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To Frieda and the Bereaved Family
I share deep grief on the passing of your dear husband and father

KARL KISSMANN

Ake Waag,
Stenungsund, Sweden

With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing in the U.S. on July 6 of our beloved father and grandfather

MORRIS CEDAR

Howard and Zipora Cedar and their children, Joseph, Dahlia, Noa, Yoav, Yonatan, Daniel Alice and Yitzhak Zilcha and their children, Ronny, Michal, Ruthie

To Prof. Howard Cedar
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Edna Kennan
Ronith and Ronan Rosenmann

Shiva: Ruth Ben-Deborah, 14 Mossinson St., Tel Aviv.

In very deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear

MORRIS (MAISHE) ALPERT

from Colchester, Connecticut, USA

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, July 10, 1983 at 2 p.m., new Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa. Bus will leave from Rehov Hatamar 20 at 1.30 p.m.

The bereaved family:
Libby Alpert, Haifa
Dr. Susan Alpert, USA
Maureen Michael Mayrav Amir, Haifa
Alpert, Zupnik, Flom, Brown families, USA

We deeply mourn the passing of our dear friend

MORRIS (MAISHE) ALPERT

Our sincere condolences to his dear wife Libby, daughters Maureen and Susan and all the family.

Melanie, Michael Aronowich and family
Sheila, Moshe Hirschowitz and family

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear friend

MANUEL (Manke) KANTOR

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Ana Maria Gerchunoff-Kantor
Sofia and Gabriel Kantor
and the family in Israel and Argentina

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m. from the Sakhedda funeral parlour, 48 Har Herzl St. Tel Aviv. Please refrain from condolences visits.



A picador and his horse are toppled by a 547-kilo bull during the annual bullfighting event in Madrid sponsored by the National Spanish Press Association. No one was hurt in the incident; however, the bull was later killed by matador Ortega Cano. (UPI telephoto)

Pope's attacker names KGB, Syria

ROME (Reuters). — Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who tried to kill Pope John Paul II, told reporters on Friday the Soviet secret service was involved in the plot and trained him to pull the trigger.

Agca, serving a life sentence for the 1981 assassination attempt, spoke to reporters yesterday after being brought to Rome for questioning about the disappearance of a girl who may have been kidnapped to obtain his release.

Speaking in English as he left the public investigator's office, Agca said he was trained by the KGB in Bulgaria and Syria.

"I have been to Bulgaria and Syria several times...in the attack against Papa Wojtyla, the KGB also took part."

He said the KGB used Bulgarian operatives for his training in Europe and Syrians in the Middle East.

Replying to reporters' questions before he was hustled back to jail, he said the KGB was directly involved in the attempt and added he was helped by three Bulgarians.

He gave no details but said he had not been to the Soviet Union.

Agca, 25, was sentenced to life imprisonment in July 1981, two months after he shot and wounded the pope in St. Peter's Square. He is serving his sentence in Ascoli Piceno jail in eastern Italy.

Agca, who escaped from jail in Turkey in 1980 after being convicted of killing a newspaper editor, initially said he acted alone when he pulled out a pistol in the crowded square and shot the pope as he passed by.

The Justice Ministry here is investigating Agca's meeting with reporters. A Rome newspaper reported yesterday that officials who permitted radio and television journalists to interview the Turkish terrorist may be disciplined because the meeting at Rome's police headquarters was against security regulations.



Convicted papal attacker Mehmet Ali Agca photographed at Rome police headquarters Friday night. (UPI telephoto)

Sudan accuses Libya after rescuing seized Westerners

KHARTOUM (AP). — Sudan yesterday accused Libya and other foreign forces of masterminding the kidnapping of five western relief workers who were rescued by Sudanese troops Friday morning.

A crack Sudanese army anti-terrorist squad freed the hostages — two Americans, one Dutch, one West German and one Canadian — in a helicopter-borne operation on Friday that resulted in the death of 19 persons and an undetermined number of injured.

The hostages had been held for more than 14 days under threat of death in the remote Boma area in southeastern Sudan by a group which called itself the Liberation Front of Southern Sudan.

The front, believed to be composed of Murle tribesmen, declared its intention of ridding the black and Christian southern Sudan of domination by the Arab north.

An armed forced communique said the outlaws' positions were attacked and captured "within hours" and that the hostages had been safely freed. The five hostages are presently in Juba in southern Sudan.

The communique added that "foreign forces were behind the outlaws' operation." It said that two

of those who participated in the kidnapping had earlier visited Libya where they were trained by Cuban troops. It did not specify who the "other foreign forces" were.

The kidnappers had threatened to kill the hostages by Wednesday unless they got a ransom of 120,000 Sudanese pounds (\$95,000 dollars), shoes, shirts and trousers for 15 men, medicine and publicity. They agreed to extend the deadline after negotiations.

Those killed during the rescue operation included 18 rebels and one army soldier, according to a report by the Sudan News Agency.

It said army troops were chasing the rest of the outlaws.

Four of the hostages were affiliated with missionary organizations operating in southern Sudan, and the fifth, a West German mechanic, was working on a wildlife park project in Boma.

The hostages were captured on June 24 and 25. They were held at a mission of the Kenya-based charity, ACRS.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a message to Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri, yesterday hailed the competence with which Sudanese troops freed the hostages.

Libyan-backed Chad rebels claim strategic victory

N'DJAMENA, Chad. — Fighting between government troops and Libyan-backed insurgents reported yesterday outside the strategic northeastern city of Abeche, which the rebels claim they have captured. If the rebels' claim is true, it would be the biggest victory in their month-long offensive against the government of Chad President Hissene Habre.

The rebels are loyal to former Chad president Goukouni Oueddi.

Reports received in N'Djamena yesterday said government troops were continuing to flee Abeche, a vital anchor on the government's east-west supply route to N'Djamena.

Military sources said the government planned to establish a strong defence line about 400 kilometres northeast of the capital to contain the rebels before launching a counteroffensive.

But the fact that fighting is reported around Abeche means the rebels have already penetrated the line.

Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali had talks in Kinshasa today with President Mobutu Sese Seko on the civil war in Chad. The two countries support Habre. Zaire has sent troops and Egypt is stepping up its arms deliveries to Chad. (AP, Reuters)

Iran threatens U.S., France with revenge over hijacking

NICOSIA. — Iranian leaders on Friday threatened the U.S., France, Kuwait and other Arab governments with revenge for what they see as foreign support for a group of Iranian hijackers.

In Paris yesterday officials said the hijackers have been charged with air piracy by a French Court. The six men face five to 10 years in jail.

The hijackers surrendered on Thursday after taking over an Iran Air flight with 350 passengers and crew. They ordered the pilot to fly the Boeing 747 Jumbo jet from Shiraz to Kuwait and then to Paris.

Threats were voiced by Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi and Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Iranian parliament, in speeches reported by IRNA, the official Iranian news agency.

"If these reactionary countries give refuge to hijackers and treacherous mercenaries and think they can stand against the Islamic revolution (of Iran) they are wrong," Musavi was quoted as saying in a speech in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz.

Rafsanjani, during a sermon, delivered at the weekly Friday prayer meeting in Tehran, said "Iran will take revenge on the U.S., France and Kuwait along with all those who were involved in the recent hijack of the Iranian plane."

Iran announced yesterday that it has decided to close the French consulate and cultural centre in the central Iranian city of Isfahan for what it said was French involvement in the recent hijacking of an Iranian jumbo airliner, Irna, the official Iranian news agency reported.

(AP, Reuters)

Sex puzzle over singer in spy case

PARIS (Reuters). — French police doctors have postponed a medical test to establish the sex of a Chinese opera singer charged with complicity in a French espionage case, Interior Ministry officials said yesterday.

The test was ordered after Shi Pei-Pu, 45, appeared in court yesterday wearing a man's grey pinstriped suit but claiming to be a woman.

Officials gave no reason for the postponement of the test but informed sources said it had to do with French legislation on individual liberty.

The singer's arrest followed that last week of Bernard Boursicot, 39, a French diplomat accused of passing information to a foreign power. He served in both Peking and Mongolia and has worked for the French External Relations Ministry in Paris for about 15 years.

The singer, described as Boursicot's girlfriend, was authorised to move to France with him after he made a three-week visit to China in 1981. They were accompanied by a 17-year-old child said to be their son.

China frees artist jailed for forbidden love affair

PEKING (AP). — China has released Li Shuang, a dissident painter who was sent to a labour camp two years ago for her forbidden love affair with a French diplomat, Chinese and French officials said yesterday.

An official of Peking's Public Security Bureau said Li, 27, was released because of her good conduct.

France has been pressing for Li's release since she was abducted from the apartment of her fiancé Emmanuel Bellefroid in September 1981.

Defecting Soviet musicians fly to U.S.

STOCKHOLM (AP). — Soviet violinist Victoria Mullova and her accompanist Vakhtang Zhoriani, who defected during a concert tour in Finland, have been granted asylum in the U.S. and left yesterday for New York by plane, Sweden's national news agency said.

From New York the couple was going on to Washington, where they were to be met by an exile organization called "The Tolstoy Foundation," the agency said.

The agency said U.S. authorities accepted the Soviets for "humanitarian reasons." The musicians said at a news conference Wednesday that they defected because they had too few concert opportunities in the Soviet Union and expected better career prospects in the U.S.

Turks give ethnic German hijackers jail terms

ZONGULDAK, Turkey (AP). — A Turkish criminal court in this Black Sea coastal city handed out prison terms of eight years and four months each to two Soviet hijackers of German descent on charges of air piracy, local officials reported yesterday.

In a final court session Friday a third hijacker, Arthur Schiller, 30, received a prison sentence of nine years and two months on the additional charge of possessing and using a weapon, they said. The other two hijackers are identified as Vitali Schmidt, 27, and his brother, Boris, 23.

When asked for a final defence plea before the announcement of the verdict, Schiller said: "We want freedom. We want to live in West Germany where our language is spoken."

The three hijacked a Soviet Antonov-24 passenger jet while it was on a local flight in the Soviet Union last November.

FUELLING. — President Joao Figueiredo, in a telephone call Thursday, assured Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone that Brazil will not serve as a fuelling base for British planes en route to the Falkland Islands, the Brazilian government said.

Visionary Kahn dies at the age of 61

CHAPPAQUA, New York (AP). — Herman Kahn, an optimistic visionary known for his studies of the Pentagon, Japan and Arizona, died at his home in this New York City suburb Thursday at age 61, a co-worker at the Hudson Institute said.



Herman Kahn (Arail) nuclear war need not bring about an end of civilization. He was a cousin of Israel's late minister Pinhas Sapi.

Destitute former actress found beaten to death

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Ex-actress Vicki Morgan, who drove a Mercedes and kept servants as the self-proclaimed lover of multi-millionaire Alfred Bloomingdale, was destitute when she was beaten to death, police said Friday.

The 30-year-old dark-haired beauty had run through the last of the money raised by selling her car when she was found Friday murdered apparently by repeated blows with a baseball bat.

A year ago, she sued Bloomingdale, a member of President Reagan's so-called kitchen cabinet of advisers, and his wife, Betsy, for \$10 million, claiming he had promised to support her for life after a 12-year affair. She lost her case.

In a local jail, an out-of-work office clerk, Marvin Pancoast, 33, was held for investigation of murder. He told detectives he had lived at Morgan's home for the past three weeks. He entered her bedroom Friday night and hit her several times with the bat after she had fallen asleep, police spokesman alleged.

Armenian bomber given 30 months by Paris court

PARIS (AP). — A court has sentenced a convicted Armenian terrorist to 30 months in jail for the January 2 bombing of a Turkish Airlines office in Paris.

The man, Abraham Tomasiyan, also was ordered to pay \$22,000 in damages and interest in a judgement handed down Thursday.

During the trial, Tomasiyan, who is in his 30s, admitted bombing the office. He also said he was a member of the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, which has waged a fierce terrorist campaign against Turkish diplomats and government targets over the past decade.

Fake Hitler diaries cost 'Stern' millions

BONN (Reuters). — The forged Hitler diaries bought by the West German magazine Stern cost the publishers well over \$3.8 million and a fall in readership, a company spokesman said yesterday.

Circulation has dropped by 50,000, company spokesman Bernd Schipfhorst said. The magazine still sells 1.6 million copies.

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Context

"DON'T MAKE an issue of my womanhood!" said Greta Garbo in one of the most famous lines in cinema history. It was in *Ninotchka*, and she said it — witheringly — to Melvyn Douglas in reply to his quip, "How nice of Moscow to send us a woman."

But Sara Doron, in her appearance on *Maked* on Wednesday evening, was very much the woman, and the coquettish smile that punctuated many of her replies may have disarmed Ya'acov Ahimeir. (When she made much of the Equal Employment Opportunities Law that she initiated, he did not ask how effective it really is.)

But a woman politician is first of all a politician. At least two of her replies might have been given by a minister of the other major sex. This should occasion no surprise, and is said for the benefit of those who may have expected more candour from a woman.

The night before, on *Mabat*, Doron had denied that there was any deal whereby Agudat Yisrael would vote for her appointment to the cabinet in return for Liberal support of their "Who is a Jew" amendment.

When Ahimeir asked her how, then, she explained Aguda's confidence that their amendment would pass, she replied that she didn't know. Fair enough. But when he asked whether she would vote against the amendment, which she has always opposed, her answer was not an unambiguous yes, but: "I see no reason to change my position."

Doron also gave a politician's reply to the question about the ridiculously large number of ministers in the present cabinet, 20 with her appointment, but due to become 21 with the appointment of a successor (presumably Pessah Grupper) to Simha Ehrlich after the

FEMININE TOUCH

KNESSET REPORT / Aryeh Rubinstein

shloshim. Although Israel is a small country, Doron answered, its unique problems certainly justify 21 ministers. Furthermore, if economy is the object, this is small potatoes. Cutting the bureaucracy would be more to the point.

MUCH MORE forthright would have been the answer that a large cabinet is often the price that must be paid for coalition governments, with the three-man Tehiya faction and the one-man faction of Mordechai Ben-Porat each getting a cabinet seat.

It is always easy to send economy-seekers elsewhere, but when it comes to the size of the cabinet there is the further question whether 20 or 21 is not too many for efficient functioning.

One of the 20 is Ya'acov Meridor, minister of economics and inter-ministerial coordination, who last week addressed the Knesset on his ministry's activities. Some Alignment speakers said that the ministry should be abolished.

Meridor's speech gives the abolitionists plenty of ammunition. He said there are three negative structural features of the economy that must be changed, even if only gradually, if the economy is ever to be healthy.

First, the public sector is too big. True, the defence burden is heavy, and also true that the national values common to the entire Knesset enjoin generosity in social welfare measures. But the time has come to ask: What are we in a position to provide, and what are we unable to provide?

Secondly, Israel's linkage system is self-defeating. There is linkage of wages to the cost-of-living index and the linkage of one sector to another. Both forms of linkage exert inflationary pressure on the economy and reduce the effectiveness of any monetary or fiscal policy, he said.

Thirdly, there is the gap between the cost of labour to the manufacturer and the take-home pay of the worker. This reduces the ability of Israeli plants to compete with overseas firms, and provides little motivation for the worker. Those with sophisticated skills, like engineers and technicians, might succumb to the temptation to emigrate to countries eager to pay them higher wages.

THE ONLY trouble with Meridor's analysis is that nobody listens — not Aridor, or Patt, or David Levy, or Tami. This does not exactly come as a surprise: sceptics predicted this

outcome when the ministry was first created for Meridor.

If efficiency, like charity, begins at home, perhaps Meridor's greatest contribution would be to recommend the abolition of his own ministry.

In addition to the soon-21 ministers, there are also eight deputy ministers (which will drop to seven if Grupper is appointed minister of agriculture — unless some group wins a deputy ministerial post for its man).

As Alignment MK Shevah Weiss has pointed out, this means that 29 of the 64-member coalition have executive duties. Hence a large cabinet and a plethora of deputy ministers also has an adverse effect on the functioning of the Knesset.

Cabinet members, of course, are not eligible for committee assignments. Deputy ministers are, and some of them have been assigned to one or two committees. But, in the nature of things they devote little time, if any at all, to this job when they would if they were ordinary MKs.

To fill the quotas of the coalition factions, the remaining 35 coalition MKs are each given two or three committee assignments. Even if the meetings of their committees do not overlap, three committees are a bit much.

The latest MK to get a third committee assignment is Eliezer Avtavi of the National Religious Party. Until recently he was only on the Finance and Economic Committee. But after Rabbi Haim Druckman bolted the NRP to form his own party, Druckman's seat on the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee was given to Avtavi.

With only he and Avraham Melamed in the five-man NRP faction being without executive duties (Yosef Burg and Zevulun Hammer

are ministers, and Yehuda Ben-Meir is deputy foreign minister), and with Melamed often absent, the Knesset has been hearing Avtavi speak for the NRP in almost every debate, be it the plight of prisoners or Sara Doron's appointment.

The NRP is reportedly seeking Grupper's deputy ministerial post for Avtavi, who is a member of Moshav Shibalim. What effect this would have on the NRP's performance in the plenum and in committees may be imagined.

THE LIKUD faction recently discussed the problem of the poor participation of its members in committees. Michael Reisser was appointed to prepare a revamping of committee assignments, among other things eliminating assignments that are merely pro forma. (Some members have informed committee secretaries not even to bother sending them notices of meetings.)

We can only wish Reisser and the Likud every success, and hope that the other coalition partners will follow suit. When is the last time, for instance, that a Tami MK attended a committee meeting?

Former finance minister Yigal Hurvitz, who is in there punching in every debate with hardly any variations on the theme of belt-tightening, did not disappoint us this week.

Speaking in the debate on Doron's appointment, and on the need for economizing, he recounted an incident that occurred when he was minister. To set an example, he said, he gave up his official Volvo and took a used Ford Escort instead.

To his chagrin, he learned later that the Volvo had then been given to Dan Pattir, the prime minister's media adviser.

Mahler's commentary on death, pain, and sorrow bear the mark of the German late Romantic era, which tended towards unrestrained emotional exaggeration and elaboration, without considering the poor listener's time and capacity to absorb — willingly or unwillingly — the composer's overflowing verbosity.

The second movement somewhat neglected the *grazioso* character demanded, while the third (with the song "St. Antony's Sermon to the Fishes") emerged not as the "quiet movement" indicated on the score, but restless and bitty.

The soloists fulfilled their modest roles satisfactorily, and the choir soothed the tired ear with some soft, restful sounds before Gary Bertini expertly led the orchestra up to the final, forceful climax.

YOHANAN BOEHM.

The numbers game

OFF MIKE
Michael Elkins



ON JULY 17, the Knesset rises for its summer recess. The MKs will have 30 days in which to:

(a) Recover from their arduous labours; or
(b) Pursue their real work as lawyers, land speculators, stock-brokers, etc. without fear of public clamour concerning conflict of interest; or
(c) Think up new ways to divert public funds.

(NOTE: Choose the one or two of the above which seem appropriate; three would appear improbable.)

In any event, off they go on what may well strike the general public as too brief a holiday. And it is possible that some of them may take time to reflect on the manner in which they and their colleagues have conducted themselves in the plenary sessions and in committee hearings.

One might suggest to these conscientious few that they reflect upon the applicable procedures of the British Parliament. For example: —

It is generally acknowledged, even by many MKs who customarily are reluctant to acknowledge the validity of anything that they have not themselves originated and copyrighted, that much of the language used by MKs in plenary session has a shaggy impact upon the public. (*Shaggy*: of or pertaining to *shigella* — aerobic bacterium causing dysentery.)

"YOU STINK!" may be accurate enough within its limitations, but it does not reflect the courtesy with which one distinguished MK ought to address another.

How more trippingly on the tongue, more soothing to the modest ear, would be the same message conveyed within the gentle usage of the Mother of Parliaments, i.e.: "The Right Honourable Gentleman stinks."

Given the linguistic nadir to which our Knesset has sunk and the standards of debate it has passed on to the people, it may be that some more drastic remedies are required.

Some suggestions come to mind. The Knesset might develop a sort of cipher (the Knesset Code?), the use of which would render an MK's meaning absolutely clear to all other MKs, but would make no sense to the public at large. (It is correct, that this is a frequent occurrence in any case, but not within the context relevant here.)

One may illustrate by applying such a cipher to the recent Knesset debate on the doctors' strike: —
Yossi Sarid: "I say that he (Minister of Health Shostak) is a Number Six." A glance at the code book would show that Number Six means "a bag of nothing" — which is what Mr. Sarid actually did say during the Knesset debate.

Minister Shostak: "And you are Number Seven — (code: "a loathsome abomination") — Sixed ("loathed") by everyone who lives in Israel."
Sarid: "And you are Nine, subsection B. ("execrably revolting")."

HAD THIS SYSTEM been in effect at the time of the debate on the doctors' strike, Knesset Speaker Savidur would not have had to quell the turmoil by declaring a 10-minute recess (which lasted for 43 minutes). And the MKs need not have interrupted their reasoned and constructive discussion of an issue of such urgent national concern.

It is possible that the system may be undermined by MKs leaking the meaning of code-numbers to journalists. Such venal practice could be at least inhibited by a variant of another procedure which has been adopted by the British Parliament.

Not long ago, *The Times* published an article based on information concerning a report presented to the foreign affairs committee by its chairman, Sir Anthony Kershaw.

Sir Anthony complained to the Speaker of the House of Commons. He pointed out that his report had been presented on a restricted basis and only to members and staff of the committee. The information, therefore, had been improperly conveyed to *The Times* — leaked.

The Speaker accepted that Sir Anthony's complaint had absolute urgency, and he ruled that a debate on this would take precedence over all other business in that day's session of Parliament.

It is possible — perhaps probable — that the inability to get any other work done until the problem of a leak is resolved, might not greatly upset our not-overly-industrious MKs.

However, the ancillary benefit accruing to the buffeted citizenry from such an occasional hiatus in the kind of law-making we've been getting would be considerable.

Vocal acrobatics

MUSIC REVIEWS

quiet, interest concentrated on the choir, which plays an important part in the work. But even the combined forces of the two choirs could not make up for the inherent weakness, apparently indigenous to all Israeli choir groups: the men were not only outnumbered but could not muster sufficient vocal strength and brightness to produce some balanced choral sonority. The result, despite Stanley Sperber's devoted direction, fell far short of what one has to come to expect from a presentation of this great Requiem.

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Subscription Concert No. 10, Uri Schneider conducting with Aris Vardi, piano. Haifa Auditorium, June 27. Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major, K.459; Bruckner: Symphony No. 3 in D Minor.

FROM THE programme notes we learned that the performance of the Bruckner was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Shimon Grunwald, who shortly before his death expressed his wish that the orchestra play Bruckner's *Third Symphony*.

Judging from the last programmes one can also conclude that Urs Schneider is deliberately introducing large post-romantic works that have never been played by the HSO before, thus obliging the musicians to work hard, improve the standard of performance and build a tradition for those works. The question is if this presentation of expansive post-romantic compositions is not somewhat too demanding for this orchestra.

This evening showed that the challenge was only partly met. The rendition was not all clean and clear and there was a lack in synchronization at entries. Still, the musicians succeeded in expressing the beauty and the emotional content of this heroic symphony, its special breadth and intensity making quite a success with the audience.

In opening the Mozart *Piano Concerto* Aris Vardi played the solo part with lightness and polish. Applying delicate shadings, his straight-forward simplicity made for an authentic academic style that was lacking in personal involvement. He added Debussy's *Doctor*

Gradus ad Parnassum that was presented in an incredible prestissimo.

ESTHER REUTER

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Gary Bertini conducting with Clio Varon, soprano; Erika Schmidt-Valestin, alto; the Israel National Choir; the Jerusalem Rabia Academy Chamber Choir; the Israel Choir (Jerusalem Theatre, July 5). Mahler: Symphony No. 2 in C minor ("Resurrection").

I HAVE ALWAYS considered myself a devotee of Mahler, and, as such, accepted that his Second Symphony is a sacred cow and beyond criticism. But, after 90 minutes of exposure to his work this week, I began to entertain serious doubts about the importance of the symphony and the justification for such an endurance test.

It may be that the Jerusalem Theatre was too small for the sheer mass of sound, which includes 15 brass (not fully manned on this occasion) and seven percussionists, besides which a doubled woodwind section seldom stood its ground. Perhaps, also, the Jerusalem Symphony is not yet quite qualified for such an enormous work, although it fought its losing battle very bravely. It is also possible that not all the tempi indicated by the conductor were always conducive to bringing out the composer's original intentions.

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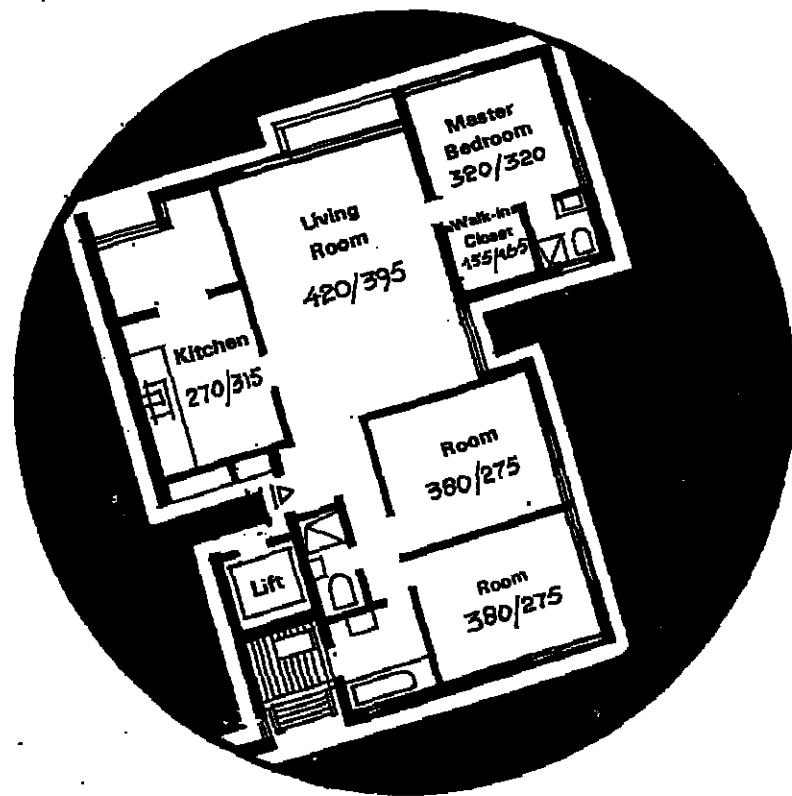
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Engineers: 2 new power plants aren't necessary

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A total of \$1.5 billion will be wasted if the Electric Corporation goes ahead with its plans to build new power stations at Ashkelon and at another site that has yet to be decided, Corporation engineers have asserted.

The engineers from Haifa and the North have drawn up alternative proposals that they say will save this amount of money. The plans have been submitted to the Corporation's management, its board of directors and the Energy Ministry.

A Ministry spokesman has confirmed that the proposals have been received and are now being investigated by the Ministry's experts.

The engineers say the controversial Ashkelon project, which has already been approved by the government, should be scrapped. Instead the two coal-fired generating units, of 550 megawatts each, should be sited at the existing

power station in Hadera.

Plans for the other new power station, scheduled to follow the Ashkelon project, should also be abolished, according to the engineers. They say the two generating units, also of 550 megawatts each, should be built at the Haifa power station to replace the old oil-fired units there.

But Electric Corporation management last night ridiculed the suggestions. It said the new proposals damaged the credibility of the Corporation and were an insult to the professional status of engineering colleagues who have been working on the plans for the two new power stations.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* recently Electric Corporation Managing Director Yitzhak Hoff warned that any further delays to the Ashkelon project could jeopardise the Corporation's ability to meet future electricity demand.

Israel, Puerto Rico to talk about energy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and a member of the Puerto Rican cabinet, Eduardo Lopez-Ballori, on Thursday agreed that their governments should begin talks towards achieving an agreement on cooperation and exchange of information in the energy field.

Lopez-Ballori, who heads the cabinet's office of energy, met Moda'i towards the end of a week-long visit. He is one of a four-man delegation here to discuss an agricultural development plan for Puerto Rico.

Noting similarities between the energy problems of Israel and Puerto Rico, he decided to raise the idea of a mutual agreement with Moda'i.

Both Puerto Rico and Israel have few indigenous sources of energy, and have to rely almost completely on imported fuel. Puerto Rico is now planning its first coal-fired power plant, and Lopez-Ballori said that his country would be eager to learn from Israel's experience in converting to coal.

Puerto Rico has the status of a "commonwealth" within the U.S. government.

Free apartments for Americans visiting Israel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An American Reform rabbi is trying to promote visits and immigration to Israel by having synagogues abroad rent or buy apartments in Israel, which they will then make available free to their congregants. Rabbi Shalom Singer of Bnei Torah Congregation in Highland Park, Illinois has been promoting

the idea for four years. So far, three synagogues including his own have adopted the plan, and dozens of families have vacationed in Israel out of a two-bedroom flat in Jerusalem that his synagogue rents.

Congregations that want more information can write to Rabbi Singer at Bnei Torah Congregation, 2789 Oak Street, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035.

ISRAEL DECEIVES

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to ask for debt forgiveness. The only alternative, the GAO report said, would be for Israel to move toward "economic austerity," but according to the GAO, "Israel's strong unions have been able to extract real wage gains, thereby increasing (consumer) demand."

The columnists asserted that the GAO report recounts "examples of one American president after another being outmaneuvered," most recently Reagan after the invasion of Lebanon.

Israel has asked the Reagan administration for "compensation for its losses during the Lebanon Campaign," according to one of the report sections stamped "secret."

The columnists wrote that the secret section gives purported evidence of how Israel has transformed foreign military sales aid, "intended solely for foreign countries buying military hardware" from the U.S., into something else. In 1977, Israel persuaded the Carter administration into using \$107m. in military aid to produce the Israeli-designed Merkava tank, "considered a one-time exception by both countries."

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But in dealing with the Reagan administration, Israel cited the Merkava as a "precedent" for U.S. aid to build its Lavi fighter plane, the columnists say. "In May 1982, the defence minister Ariel Sharon turned this exception into common practice by requesting \$250m. a year for four years to boost production rates of the tank, develop the Lavi, and for other miscellaneous production."

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Delay on Israel Corp. tax exemption debate

Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor will not bring up his proposal to abolish tax exemptions granted to the Israel Corporation at today's cabinet session, Treasury sources said yesterday.

A first discussion of the issue last week ended without a vote following the opposition of several ministers.

Aridor favours the abolition of the corporation's tax privileges if, as proposed, the corporation is bought by the Clal group. The corporation was created in 1968 to encourage foreign investment in Israel. The Treasury feels its purchase by local interests will make it unnecessary to grant it tax privileges.

The parties to the deal have been holding talks with the minister recently and Aridor wants to reach an agreement with them before raising his initiative in the cabinet, the sources said.

The sources denied that the strong support for the deal of the Baron Edmond de Rothschild, one of the corporation's current owners, has anything to do with Aridor's change of plans.

Belgium launches fund for the hungry

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Belgium has set up an emergency relief fund worth some \$200 million to help the starving of the Third World.

The Belgian senate approved the fund on Friday night before breaking for the summer holidays. The money is to be spent over an unspecified number of years.

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Germans edge Israel, 3-2, in Davis Cup play Glickstein, Perkis rally after disastrous opening

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — West Germany last night edged Israel 3-2 after a weekend of action-packed tennis here in a European Zone "A" Davis Cup semifinal tie.

Starting on Friday with a 0-2 deficit, Israel's Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkis made their competitive debut together by upsetting the experienced German doubles pair of Andreas Maurer and Wolfgang Popp 6-4, 8-10, 7-5, 7-5 in a ding-dong 2-hour struggle, in which Perkis was the outstanding performer. The match was shown live on TV, and only 1,000 spectators turned up at the Israel Tennis Centre for the occasion.

But with the unexpected doubles victory putting Israel back in the tie, nearly 3,000 people were on hand for yesterday's reverse singles, which opened with the visitors' Michael Westphal getting past Perkis 2-6, 6-0, 7-5, 11-9 in a battle which lasted the best part of four hours. Perkis, 20, replaced David Schneider who was declared unfit to play by a doctor because of a foot injury.

After Germany had established their winning 3-1 lead, Glickstein beat Dami Keretic 6-4, 6-4 in the best-of-three "dead" singles.

Perkis, sadly lacking international competition because of army service and down in 450th place in the world-rankings, played his heart out against full-time pro Westphal, 19, who is currently 103rd on the ATP computer table. The gangling Haifaite was urged on by a wildly enthusiastic crowd, whose shouting and clapping would often have done credit to the soccer stands, and was certainly a novelty for the tennis centre's beautiful Canada stadium.

Argentina, Australia in semis

In other Davis Cup play, Argentina comfortably qualified for the last four of the tournament when they won the second singles and then the doubles of their championship division quarterfinal clash against Italy in Rome, taking an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

Guillermo Vilas and Joe Luis Clerk were rarely troubled in the doubles, beating the Italian pair Adriano Panatta and Paolo Bertolucci 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Earlier Clerk completed his marathon singles tie against Corrado Barazzutti, winning the six-hour match 12-10, 6-2, 7-9, 3-6, 6-4.

Vilas won the first singles against Panatta on Friday, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Australia also advanced to the semi-finals yesterday after eliminating Rumania in Brisbane.

S. Africans may lose rugger 'god'

DALLAS (AP). — South Africans are losing one of their biggest celebrities to American football. And South African rugby fans fully expect Naas Botha to become as big a star as a Dallas Cowboy as he has been in their country.

"We are losing our super god," S. African journalist Franz Kemp told the *Dallas Times Herald*. "In my

ple of points of taking the third at 5-4.

In the fourth set, Perkis edged even closer, having two set points at 5-4, while in the fourth one he was only two points away from taking it at 8-7, and thus forcing Westphal into a final set. It was a tremendous effort by the unfancied Israeli, and the crowd rose to him as he left the court near to exhaustion. Westphal, who had upset Glickstein on Thursday, thus finished with two singles victories in what was a most impressive Davis Cup debut.

Local champion Glickstein's comfortable win against his German opposite number Keretic in the final encounter emphasized how close Israel had been to winning the tie.

Israel's non-playing captain Yosef Stabholz and coach Ron Steele told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the story of the tie was Glickstein's unexpected loss to Westphal.

The two Israeli officials were joined by German captain Wilhelm Bungert and coach Nikki Pilić — both ranked among the top five tennis players in the world in the late 1960s — in their warm praise of Perkis both as a singles and doubles performer. The guests described him "a really promising prospect" who should do very well when he has a chance to play on a fulltime basis.

The international referee at the match was Patrick Flodrops, of France, and umpires were Aaron Sapir and Herbert Granierier — Israel's first two international umpires — and Jerusalem orchestra and choir conductor Sigaley Sperber.

This is the third straight year that Israel was knocked out in the Davis Cup semi-finals. It was also her second 3-2 loss to West Germany. The first was Augsburg in 1979. Israel has now played in 41 ties in the competition, of which she has won 11.

Glickstein's success against Keretic yesterday was his 16th victory in 25 cup singles.

Israel has won some \$20,000 in this year's Davis Cup series which is again being sponsored by Japan's Nippon Electric Co. — this time to the tune of a record \$1.6 million.

Jarryd and Hans Simonsson yesterday won their doubles match and gave Sweden a 2-1 lead over New Zealand. They beat Chris Lewis and Russell Simpson 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

The teams were level 1-1 after Friday's opening singles.

Simpson faces the Swedish no. 1 Mats Wilander today and Lewis plays Henrik Sundstrom in the cross-over singles.

The winners meet Argentina.

Yugoslavia beat Bulgaria in their European zone "B" semifinal in Sofia when Slobodan Zivonjovic and Marko Ostojic beat Krastimir and Marko Lazarov 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to take an unassailable 3-0 lead.

Borg enjoying his new guise

PARIS (AP). — "I don't miss playing tennis one bit," says retired star Bjorn Borg, who began working as a television commentator at the recent French open.

"I am enjoying watching the tennis," Borg said. "I am enjoying my new job. But I have no desire to be down there joining in. That's how I feel now. Some time in the next year or two it may be different. In fact I know that sometime I am going to feel the itch to play again."

"But I won't come back. I will not want the hard work of training for it."

Borg, 27, played his last tournament at Monte Carlo in April.

After watching Mats Wilander being beaten in the final Borg said: "There are so many good young Swedish players now. It was not the case when I was playing. I feel very proud seeing their successes now, because I think I had a little bit to do with it."



Israel's Shahar Perkis (above, right) comes up to the net to congratulate Michael Westphal yesterday. The young German star's victory clinched the Davis Cup tie for his country at 3-1. At top right, Israel's champion Shlomo Glickstein, who yesterday took the measure of West Germany's No. 1 Dami Keretic, left. (IPPA photos)

Tempers and accidents mar Edmonton student games

EDMONTON. — Tempers flared at fencing and a British rider was taken to hospital after a mass pile-up in the cycling at the World University Games.

The Soviet Union continued to reap the gold harvest, and at the end of Friday's events had amassed 47 gold medals, plus 22 of silver and 19 bronze. Rumania trailed in second place on the medals table with 5, 4 and 17 respectively, with host country Canada third — 5, 4, 17.

Hosts Canada were disqualified in their sabre match against Cuba on Friday after Jean-Marie Banos threw off his mask in disgust at the scoring.

It hit Italian scoring official Stefano Baskonovic the groin. Pantano left at the Canadian fencer, but officials quickly separated them.

The cycling was marred by a six-man crash during the 50-km. points race in the Velodrome. The race was stopped while British rider Stephen Bent was carried away on a stretcher.

He had stitches put in his chin and over one eye. He also suffered a calf injury, a British team spokesman said.

In the incident-packed cycling, the ever-dominant Soviet Union scooped three more golds while Isabelle Nicolose gave France their first gold medal by winning the women's points race.

Athletics star of the day was Soviet pole vaulter Konstantin Volkov, who made a brave but futile attempt to beat the 5.81 metres world record amid swirling winds, but his 5.64 m. set a new Canadian record.

Nigeria, which sent just 10 athletes to the games, landed their fourth gold when U.S.-based Ajayi Agbekoku won the triple jump.

Besides Wilander, Swedish players who made a good impression in the tournament were Henrik Sundstrom, 19, Joachim Nyström, 20, Magnus Tideman, 20, Thomas Hosted, 19, and Anders Jarryd, 22. Borg reached the quarter-finals of the French Open when he was 16, but never lost again at Roland Garros stadium. He won the title in 1974, 1975, and from 1978 to 1981 straight.

But when he was asked to name his greatest memory of Roland Garros, he thought for a few seconds and replied: "Meeting Mariana Simionescu, Rumanian player who later married Borg. They live in Monte Carlo."

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Arad, Gould win softball crowns

By ED FREEDMAN
Special to the Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Softball League crowned two new champions yesterday in the playoff finals held at the Tel Aviv Sportek.

In the "A" League showdown, masterful pitching by Bert Fannenbaum held the big bats of Jerusalem's Lord Kitsch to seven hits while striking out four to lead Arad Mashi to their first league title with a 9-4 victory.

Arad also was held to 7 hits, but Lord Kitsch hurler Eddie Gedaloff conceded 11 walks.

Marty Einhorn, playing a sparkling defensive game at first base, knocked in the winning run for the southern division champions.

In the "B" League finals, Maccabi Gould, down 7-1 in the fourth inning, exploded with seven runs in the fifth, then held off a valiant back attempt by Kibbutz Gezer to take a 12-11 victory.

Strong relief pitching by Orlando Alfonso Sr. held Gezer at bay as Sam Derner's long double produced the winning run for Gould.

Connors takes it back from Curren

JOHANNESBURG. — American Jimmy Connors on Friday night went some way towards avenging his Wimbledon defeat by Kevin Curren of South Africa when he beat him in a million-dollar four-man tennis tournament in the South African black homeland of Bophuthatswana 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Earlier Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl beat South African-born American Johan Kriek 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first match of the tournament, which carries a \$400,000 cheque for the winner.

Last night Connors beat Kriek after overcoming a mid-match slump to win 6-2, 0-6, 6-3.

The final day's exhibition play today puts Kriek against Curren for third and fourth prizes of \$200,000 and \$100,000, and then Connors against Lendl with lower taking second place and \$300,000, the highest payout for any tournament this year.

World Cup soccer qualifying round

ZURICH (Reuters). — The draw for the 1986 World Soccer Cup qualifying competition has been fixed for December 7, the International Football Federation (FIFA) announced yesterday.

FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter also told Reuters that a special FIFA sub-committee would meet their International Olympic Committee counterparts on July 15 to continue talks on player eligibility rules for the final rounds of next year's Olympic soccer tournament.

While the IOC steadfastly insists that professionals should not be allowed to participate in the tournament, FIFA's eligibility code allows professionals with precisely-defined exceptions to take part. Talks up to now have ended in deadlock.

5 nations to attend Pakistan hockey school

KARACHI (AP). — The U.S., Oman, Egypt, Kenya and United Arab Emirates have agreed to send their hockey players to Pakistan to get training at the recently established international school for field hockey, Brig. S.M.H. Atif, secretary of the Pakistan Hockey Federation, said on Friday.

The school, first of its kind in the world, is expected to start functioning next month at the Hockey Club of Pakistan in Karachi.

The school is to be financed by the government of Pakistan and will be run by the hockey federation. The idea has the approval of the International Hockey Federation, Atif said.

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Ryan fans 12 to regain strikeout lead, humble Mets

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Ryan moved ahead of Steve Carlton for the fourth time this season with 3,573, four more than the Philadelphia left-hander.

In other National League action, Chris Chambliss knocked in four runs with a two-run homer, a solo shot and a double, and Craig McMurtry scattered six hits over seven innings to lead Atlanta over Montreal 6-5.

Cincinnati overcame Philadelphia 3-1.

Gene Richards' tie-breaking single with one out in the ninth inning led the San Diego Padres over the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2.

Jim Morrison cracked a three-run homer and rallied Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-3 victory over Los Angeles for the Dodgers' fourth straight loss.

Right-hander Bill Laskey produced six hits in eight innings and Milt May cracked a tie-breaking homer to lift the San Francisco Giants to a 4-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

In the American League, Willie Upshaw slammed a three-run homer and scored three times to lead Toronto to an 8-5 victory over Texas in the opener of a three-game series between the AL division leaders.

Rod Carew and Rick Burleson drove in three runs apiece to lead the California Angels to a 9-3 pusing of the Boston Red Sox. Jim Beattie, aided by three double plays, allowed four hits and pitched Seattle to a 3-0 victory over Baltimore.

John Wockenfuss slammed a three-run homer with two out in the

bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 3-2 victory over the Oakland A's.

Capped by Gorman Thomas' three-run homer, Cleveland scored six times before the first batter was retired in the first inning and Bert Blyleven fired a five-hitter as the Indians defeated Minnesota, 10-4.

Butch Wynegar drove in four runs with a single and two triples, and Steve Balboni celebrated his return to the major leagues with a home run and two singles to pace a 14-hit attack that earned the New York Yankees to a 9-2 rout of the Kansas City Royals.

Paul Molitor, Cecil Cooper and Robin Yount homered in the first two innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The standings: AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	44	33	.571
Baltimore	42	35	.545
Detroit	42	35	.545
New York	42	35	.545
Milwaukee	39	37	.513
Boston	38	39	.493
Cleveland	35	44	.443

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Texas	44	33	.571
California	43	34	.559
Chicago	40	38	.513
Kansas City	37	37	.500
Oakland	37	44	.457
Minnesota	33	48	.402
Seattle	31	51	.379

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Montreal	44	33	.571
Philadelphia	43	34	.559
St. Louis	40	38	.513
Chicago	38	42	.475
Pittsburgh	35	42	.450
New York	31	51	.379

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	40	31	.617
Los Angeles	37	32	.538
San Diego	42	38	.526
Houston	41	40	.506
San Francisco	40	41	.494
Cincinnati	39	47	.451

Pete Cabrera of Hawaii shown in action during the recent wave-jumping category of the World Cup wind surfing competition held in Santa Cruz, California. (UPI)

Ex-champ Ali: 'Fat and lazy'

LONDON (AP). — Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali said in an interview published here that he was bored with living in luxury and was considering selling his mansion home in Los Angeles.

"I'm thinking of buying a little three-bedroomed house," Ali was quoted as telling the *Daily Star* newspaper. "I have seven children but there are only the four of us together now counting my wife."

Ali, interviewed in Los Angeles by the *Star's* boxing correspondent Peter Batt, was quoted as saying: "When you live in luxury, you have to tip the cook \$1,000, you have to tip the gardener \$1,000. You just sit

here getting fat and lazy. You should be out there in the kitchen doing the dishes."

"I worked hard for this. But when you get luxury, you need two gardeners and two servants. It makes you lazy," he was quoted by the *Star*, which headlined the interview: "The saddest sports story ever told."

Ali, who first won the world title in 1964 and later regained it twice more before finally relinquishing it to Larry Holmes in 1980, was quoted as saying his only reason for living was "the after life — the life after death."

Batt said that the ex-champion, a Moslem, frequently broke off to go to prayer.

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Vicious circle of violence

THE MURDER on Thursday in Hebron of 19-year-old yeshiva student Aharon Gross by a group of Arab terrorists is a despicable act which is being condemned by every right-minded person. The perpetrators of this heinous crime in broad daylight in the heart of the City of the Patriarchs, brought the vicious circle of violence and counter-violence in the Hebron area to a new peak.

The appointed mayor of Hebron Mustafa Natshe indeed condemned the murder a short while before he was informed of his own and of the municipal council's dismissal by the OC Central Command. "Such acts create disturbances and instability; violence does not serve the inhabitants, but rather makes life tenser," the ousted mayor said in his condemnation. Mr. Natshe might have used some stronger words in condemning the murder, but that alone should certainly not have given cause to Defence Minister Moshe Arens to approve his dismissal — a long-standing demand by the increasingly aggressive Jewish settlers which Mr. Arens himself termed as "ridiculous" only several days earlier.

The defence minister and the chief of staff had themselves a bitter taste of the Jewish settlers' unruliness and violence on Thursday when their vehicle was attacked by an angry crowd, shouting "murderers" at them for not having acceded to their demands for more stringent and aggressive security measures against the Arab inhabitants.

The grim events which followed Thursday's fatal stabbing of the young yeshiva student prove that the situation in the Hebron area has totally gone out of control by the military authorities and that a thorough reassessment of the deteriorated relations between the relatively small group of Jewish settlers and the Arab residents is of the highest priority.

But first a number of serious questions have to be asked for which so far no explanation has been offered by the military authorities. Why did the three armed adults from Kiryat Arba, who arrived in their car just at the time of the attack on Aharon Gross, prefer to give chase to his attackers, rather than first rescue their wounded colleague — which might have saved his life? Why did the soldiers who were some 300 metres away from the site of the attack not rush to the scene when they heard shots being fired by the Kiryat Arba men who chased the attackers, thus leaving the wounded student bleeding for nearly 20 minutes until he was taken to hospital by an Arab resident? Why did the army reinforcements stand idly by when Jewish settlers attacked and burned down most of the stalls of the Hebron market, despite the fact that a curfew was imposed on the town immediately after the murder?

Why did the military authorities — with the approval of the defence minister — bring up a number of charges against Mr. Natshe and his municipal council, to justify their dismissal, although most of these charges were not proved and had nothing to do with the circumstances immediately preceding Thursday's murder? Why was a request by the ousted mayor for an order nisi from the High Court of Justice against the civil administration, for what he claimed as their aiding the Jewish settlers in destroying buildings in the centre of Hebron and putting up new structures in their place, listed as one of the "irregularities" in Mr. Natshe's conduct. Why was this particular part of the military authorities' "background paper" deleted from the official English translation?

The list of questions could be much longer. But their answers will not solve the basic problem posed by Jewish settlers in the heart of Hebron who were regarded as illegal by Prime Minister Begin's first government. Just as they forced the government's hand by their consistent and increasingly aggressive action at the time, the Jewish settlers under the leadership of nationalist fanatics such as Rabbi Levinger have again forced the government's hand into acting against Hebron's appointed mayor without applying the law against their own lawlessness.

Former defence minister Ezer Weizman realized at the time that he had erred when he agreed in May 1980 to expel former Hebron mayor Fahd Kawassme — together with former Halhul mayor Milhem — several hours after the attack on Hebron's Hadassah building which had claimed the lives of six Jewish settlers. For it is the mayors of the West Bank towns and their respective municipal councils with whom some form of coexistence must be found, especially by those who favour Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria.

Giving in to demands by nationalist extremists will only undermine further any hope for such coexistence in the future. It is to be regretted that Defence Minister Arens has not followed his own conviction for a more even-handed approach on which so many expectations are pinned.

THE FADING of the oil boom has left Egypt's economy sliding steadily deeper into deficit with falling growth and rising consumption combining to pile up uncomfortable long-term problems.

But the expectations of ordinary people are as high as ever, and the government of President Hosni Mubarak shrinks from rousing their wrath by lowering the expensive shield that guards the masses from the rigours of economic reality.

It was the oil bonanza of the 1970s and its allied benefits which pushed Egyptian growth rates up beyond nine per cent a year. At \$40 a barrel, oil then provided ample funds to be lavished on consumer imports and on subsidies to protect the poor against harsh world prices. Now, Egyptian top-grade oil sells at \$28.25 a barrel. Other prime sources of revenue also have levelled off, and the national budget and trade balance are under increasing strain.

Mubarak's strategy is to cut back on consumer imports and devote the two billion dollars worth of aid flowing into Egypt each year to building productive industry and agriculture.

Foreign advisers applaud the objective of future self-sufficiency founded on present self-sacrifice. But many of them doubt whether Egypt can achieve its goals within the current economic structure.

A major handicap, in their view, is the sprawling state industry built up under Soviet tutelage by President Nasser. Public sector enterprise now accounts for more than 75 per cent of the Egyptian economy.

STATE INDUSTRY produces goods at government-ordained low

Egypt feels the pinch

By PATRICK MASSEY / Cairo

prices which often have little relation to real cost. Its wage levels are low and manning levels high. Losses are met out of the state budget.

Another burden is the subsidy system which keeps food and other essential items down to a fraction of their real cost.

Subsidies for 1983-84 were set at \$2,028 million. This was a fall of about 17 cents on the previous year mainly because of a drop in world commodity prices but it still represented 8 per cent of gross national product (GNP).

These and other factors have built up a gross budget deficit which is expected to top six billion dollars in 1983-84, an increase of 3.5 per cent on the previous year and about 20 per cent of GNP.

The budget deficit is only part of the problem. Heavy imports, mostly of food, pushed up the trade deficit last year to \$5,097 million, 6 per cent more than in 1981.

Even when service receipts from tourism, Suez Canal tolls and remittances from Egyptians working abroad were counted, the current account deficit stood at 2.4 billion dollars.

Ministers estimate the drop in oil

revenue will cost Egypt about half a billion dollars in the coming financial year.

REMITTANCES FROM Egyptians working abroad, mostly in the Arab oil states, are the second biggest foreign exchange earner and these, too, have levelled off.

Like most other statistics in Egypt, the remittance figures are hazy. Nobody can say with any confidence just how many Egyptians work abroad.

But according to foreign estimates, expatriate Egyptians sent home \$2,329 million in 1982, an increase of 6.8 per cent on the previous year but still 14 per cent lower than in 1981 when Gulf states were awash with surplus oil money.

Tourism, which last year earned about \$853 million, has similarly tailed off from the boom years.

The only steadily rising source of income is the Suez Canal whose earnings last year at \$953 million were 7.3 per cent up on 1981, despite a fall in tanker traffic.

In the absence of firm statistics, Egypt's foreign debt is estimated by economists at upwards of \$16 bil-

lion, mostly in long-term soft loans. Servicing this debt is reckoned by some experts to take up an uncomfortable 22 per cent of Egyptian exports which last year stood at \$4.183 billion. Some 70 per cent of these exports was earned by oil and petroleum products.

FOREIGN EXPERTS prescribe four key remedies.

Number one is to tackle population growth which now adds about a million more Egyptians every 10 months to the present 45 million inhabitants.

This increase keeps just ahead of growth in agricultural production. As it is, Egypt produces only half the food it eats. In one key sector, wheat, Egypt imports 80 per cent of its needs.

Increasing food production is number two on the list of foreign recommendations. Experts say Egyptian land could be made to yield up to 70 per cent more with the help of relatively simple basic technology.

But even more important than technology, experts say, is to pay producers more for their crops to dissuade them from forsaking the land and drifting into the cities.

Government officials resist this notion. "If we paid them more they would produce the same amount as before and just pocket the difference," the Egyptian argument runs.

The third recommendation being pressed on Egypt is to cut back on food consumption. Subsidies make food so cheap that it is often thrown away or given to animals.

Number four is to discourage energy consumption. Petrol,

electricity and cooking gas are sold at about one fifth of world prices with the result that Egyptians consume about 45 per cent of the 700,000 barrels of oil produced by the nation each day.

This eats into export earnings and depletes reserves which may level off all too soon.

SO FAR, the Egyptian government has resisted all pressures to make life more expensive for the ordinary people, either by trimming the level of subsidies or by dismantling the state industries which provide unrealistically cheap goods.

In the 1982-1987 five-year development plan about 75 per cent of the planned \$42 billion expenditure is allocated to public sector enterprise.

Foreign businessmen are sceptical about the prospects for Egyptian industry. Stories abound of faulty planning, inefficient management and sub-standard products turned out by a work force with little experience of industrial disciplines.

American officials who administer the one billion dollars worth of U.S. aid allocated to Egypt each year show little enthusiasm for funding public sector activity.

Their efforts to steer funds into private enterprise projects have led to open strain with the Egyptian government, which has repeatedly asked for aid arrangements more like those enjoyed by Israel.

"Israelis get the money and spend it how they like," Egyptian officials complain. "We are told how the aid should be used."

(Roster News Service)

READERS' LETTERS

THE JERUSALEM TENNIS CENTRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Jerusalem Tennis Centre in Katamon is a more than welcome addition to the city, but it is not without its flaws. It is inexplicable that its architect should have provided only two shower stalls in a room that holds only four people and does not drain. There are no duckboards outside the shower itself and no place to hang clothing or towels unless there is nobody else around. There is not even a place to attach a soap holder. The place is not only the size of the Black Hole of Calcutta, but constantly smells like it, as the open drains, which are also connected to the toilets, are without air vents to the roof. There is never any soap in the single soap dispenser.

It is also impossible to enjoy playing at the Centre at weekends because it is used as a public park by players' families, with small children running up and down the aisles between the courts. There is nobody to enforce discipline because the manager himself doesn't seem to understand the need for it. His attitude is in direct contradiction to all the signs posted all over the place which everyone ignores.

Wimbledon notwithstanding, tennis is a marvellous way to teach sportsmanship and decorum that derives from consideration for others. Sadly, both hygiene and decorum are sadly lacking at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre.

MEIR KEREV

Jerusalem.

CLUTTERED SIDEWALKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Kol hakavod to Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat for taking action to clear the sidewalk at Shekema in Ibn Givrol street. Now maybe he will apply the same pressures to all of those who block the sidewalks with vehicles.

I have travelled to most of the major cities in the world and it never fails to surprise me how the authorities can let the situation be as it is in Tel Aviv. Every day, I am forced to step into the road because a car is parked in such a manner as to make walking on the sidewalk dangerous. I realize that we should keep death off the roads, but no one said to put it on the sidewalk.

Another point is the matter of cyclists who, it seems, are allowed to take the law into their own hands and completely disregard traffic lights, cycle down the wrong way, and circulate on the sidewalks. The city fathers should not allow the present situation to continue.

G.H. BLOCH

Ra'anana.

PENFRIENDS

LEO AKERSHOEK of Vinkenlaan 62, 1980 Tervuren, Belgium, would like to correspond with Israelis in order to exchange stamps and related material with respect to medicine, pharmacy, drugs, medical plants, hospitals, diseases, doctors and nurses.

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SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Having visited Israel 17 times with groups, I am dismayed at the present tension between the guides' union and the government and the Roman Catholic Church. I have experienced it personally and it is enough to discourage one from coming back again.

I fail to understand how either Jordanian law or British Mandate law about the necessity for an approved guide can be invoked as Israeli law. If the Knesset wishes to make a law that only Israeli guides may lead groups, I will accept the law of the land, but it will be a land that I will not desire to visit again.

Pilgrims have a right to come for a spiritual experience with a leader who understands their needs. A tour of Israel and a spiritual pilgrimage are two different things. The former need a guide. The latter need a spiritual director.

When a spiritual director comes with no experience of the land, he needs a guide who is sympathetic to

the needs of a Christian group. But when a priest leads a group and has a green card (not easily gained), a degree in Biblical studies, teaches Hebrew Scriptures, Biblical Archeology and Geography, and has been here 17 times, why should he be harassed and insulted by the guides as I have been?

Nine-tenths of the people that I bring come because I am the guide. I do not wish to deprive the guides of their livelihood. What should I do? Stop bringing groups over? I deeply regret the present impasse that has been brought about by the hostility and intransigence of the guides' union.

I hope that it will not cause a deterioration of Jewish Christian relations in the U.S.A. I am caught in a dilemma. Should I stop bringing pilgrims to the land I love? Should I accept the imposition of a guide who knows less than I do? Or should I give it up as a lost cause?

FR. STEPHEN
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Weston, Maine.

CROSSING THE BRIDGES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Three years ago, my mother went to the U.S.A. after retiring from serving the community of Bethlehem as a nurse for almost 30 years. Last week, mother came back to see her two boys and the five grandchildren. On her way mother stopped for a week in Germany to be with her daughter and she made another stop in Amman to visit relatives.

Her luggage was light and in accordance with the airline policies. Mother knew that crossing King Hussein Bridge is not easy and that due to the tight security measures, one may go through uncomfortable times. Mother also knew that there are things you are not allowed to bring across. So she didn't bring with her any electrical items and absolutely no toys for the grandchildren. Her two-piece set of luggage contained mostly her own used clothes with a few new items of clothing. To her great disappointment, she was required to pay customs for these personal belongings. Payment must be in Jordan

Dinars and it amounted to J.D. 144 (I.S. 17.27).

Somewhat, West Bankers are not treated fairly. — BISHARA AWAD, President, Bethlehem Bible College

Bethlehem. The above letter was sent for comment to the Department of Customs on May 24. No reply has been received to date. — Ed. J.P.

MONEY FOR THE DOCTORS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Thank goodness the doctors' strike has been resolved. The funds needed to meet their demands must come from an internal source. I would like to suggest to Mr. Aridor the introduction of daylight saving time in Israel, which I understand would save the Treasury some millions of dollars — and help finance the increased salaries of the doctors. There is still time to implement this plan, which I believe is a most practical and painless way of raising the needed money. Ramat Hasharon: D. ROSENMAN

POSTSCRIPTS

LA DIFFERENCE. — Wine consumption in France has dropped by about 45 per cent in the past two decades, with tap water being the main replacement, according to a study released recently.

"Preceding generations were regular consumers of wine and viewed it as the traditional drink to accompany meals," the study said. "Succeeding generations have viewed wine as a beverage for special events and occasional consumption."

The report by the National Institute for Agronomic Research noted the average French adult now drinks 80 litres of wine a year compared with 120 litres in 1962.

The study showed that among French over the age of 14, 23 per cent never drink wine, 46 per cent drink it daily and 32 per cent drink it occasionally.

At the same time, consumption of hard liquor has increased.

"Alcoholic beverages have become drinks for entertainment," the study noted. "This explains the strong increase in the consumption of hard liquor, which has multiplied three times since 1960."

The study noted that "a surprising fact is that the market for table wine has not really been conquered by another commercial drink, but mainly by tap water."

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